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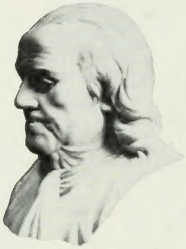

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Brethren—

The second volume of the history of Lodge No. 2 entitled "Freemasonry in Pennsylvania," compiled from original sources by Brother Norris S. Barratt, Past Master of Lodge No. 2, and Brother Julius F. Sachse, Paster Master of Lodge No. 91, under your direction has been carefully examined by me, and I hereby authorize its publication. I find it accurately and conscientiously done, and if anything more interesting than the first volume, which I have already said is an invaluable contribution to the Masonic literature of this country. It will prove a mine of information to the student of American Freemasonry and the craft generally.

Fraternally yours,

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PREFACE.

Volume I of the History of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, compiled from the records of Lodge No. 2, brought us to St. John's Day, 1781.

Volume II is from that date to the close of December, 1813.

The Worshipful Master Brother Lyman M. Doerr reappointed P. M. Brother Norris S. Barratt, Chairman, P. M. Brother John Middleton, P. M. Brother John K. McCarthy, P. M. Brother Harry Anderson and P. M. Brother William H. Shoemaker as the Committee on History. The Chairman, P. M. Brother Norris S. Barratt, and Brother Julius F. Sachse, Litt.D., P. M. of Columbia Lodge, No. 91, librarian of the Grand Lodge, continued as compilers. The result of their work is before you. The Right Worshipful Grand Master, George B. Orlady, in authorizing its publication, is graciously pleased to observe that it will prove a mine of information to the student of American Freemasonry and the craft generally.

The City of Philadelphia, as is well known, up to 1800 was not only the capital of the State of Penn-

sylvania but of the nation, and many of our brethren were actively engaged in public affairs, so that Lodge No. 2 has an intensely interesting history during this period. This Masonic history related with simplicity and directness from the minutes eloquent of fraternity, patriotism, religion and liberty, we hope will interest and instruct you.

The beauty of the principles of Freemasonry appeal to all of us, as they did to our first members, and we know that the practice of those principles could not fail to make them better men and better citizens. As we review their labors in an appreciative way, let us also be animated by their spirit of fraternity and give to all of them, great or humble as they may have been, the meed of praise that is their due who in any degree helped to maintain the traditions of the craft and make the history of Lodge No. 2.

We commence with the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, Va., which ended the British attempt to conquer America and insured independence. The English Ahiman Rezon was not suited to our needs, so Rev. Brother Dr. William Smith, a member of Lodge No. 2, Provost of the College of Philadelphia, now the University of Pennsylvania, and Grand Secretary in 1783, under the direction of the Grand Lodge abridged and digested it and dedicated it to George Washington, Esq., General and Commander-in-chief of the armies of the United States, as is

shown by the facsimile of title page and dedication on page 7.

The most important Masonic event of the year 1783, in addition to the publication of the New Ahiman Rezon, was an effort made to establish a fund "For the relief of distressed and indigent Free Masons." This was the first attempt at organized Masonic charity in the western world.

In 1781 Lodge No. 2 met in Videll's Alley on Second Street below Chestnut, then, in the old Freemason's Lodge in Lodge Alley on Second Street near Walnut, and after its sale temporarily in Joseph Morris' building in Black Horse Alley below Market Street east of Second Street. All the Masonic bodies took part in the dedication of the Morris building. On the first of October, 1785, the old Freemasons' Lodge was sold at public auction, and the proceeds thereof, $1,533.57, belonging to the survivors of the Grand Lodge who had contributed, were donated to the City of Philadelphia "to furnish the poor with fire wood," and it will be interesting to the brethren to learn that it is still held by the Board of City Trusts and has been merged in the city fuel fund.

The close of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and our notice of September 25, 1786, to the Grand Lodge of England, of our independence, and the formation of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, to which we all owe

allegiance; and that we considered ourselves under no ties, except those of brotherly love and affection, to any other Grand Lodge; the mistake of Brother Solomon Bush, who delivered the notice to the Grand Lodge of Moderns at London, and their brotherly admonition to us under the impression that it came from the Lodges that they had warranted (when the communication was intended for the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons at London), are interesting incidents now made known to the Masonic world for the first time. It is further a noteworthy fact that the error made by Brother Bush in delivering his message to the Grand Lodge of Moderns in 1788 was the means of bringing about fraternal relations between that body and our own Grand Lodge, and it is believed that this is the only case on record where a foreign Grand Body was in fraternal communication with both of the English Grand Lodges. As a matter of fact it was the precursor of the ultimate union of the two English Grand Lodges which was happily consummated some twenty years later.

Among the distinguished members of Lodge No. 2 in addition to the roll of honor containing sixteen colonels, ten majors and twenty-eight captains mentioned in Volume I, who helped to obtain American independence, and deserve more than a passing notice, are Col. Thomas Proctor, Joseph Dean, Captain Allen McLane, Col. Eleazer Oswald, Captain Peter

Stephen Duponceau, Richard Wistar and Dr. Caspar Wistar, but as copious notes of the lives and achievements of Col. Proctor, Joseph Dean, Captain McLane, George A. Baker and Colonel Oswald appear in the text, it is unnecessary to repeat them here except to add to the list Captain Duponceau, Richard Wistar and Dr. Caspar Wistar.

Captain Peter S. Duponceau, an eminent scholar and linguist, was a native of France, born the third of June, 1760, at St. Martin in the Isle of Rhe. After the death of his father, persuaded by his mother he took up the religious life at the Benedictine College of St. Jean d'Angely and he became Abbe Duponceau. Although his American friends never could picture him to themselves as an abbe with tonsured head, yet he led this life until 1775, when he decided to abandon it and go to Paris, where he supported himself by teaching English and Italian. Here he met Baron Steuben, became his secretary and accompanied him to America in 1777, where he joined the American army with the rank of captain and aid-de-camp. He spent the memorable winter 1777–8 with the army at Valley Forge. Speaking of their sufferings he said: "They bore their condition of half-naked, half-famished men with fortitude, resignation and patience. Sometimes you might see soldiers pop their heads out of their huts, and call out in an undertone 'No bread—no soldier,' but a single word from their officer

would still their complaint." He remained in the army until 1781, when he became a citizen of Pennsylvania. After the Revolution was over he studied law, and was admitted to the Philadelphia Bar. He was a great philologist and an author of a treatise upon the Chinese language and had a distinguished reputation at home and abroad. He died at his home, northeast corner of Sixth and Chestnut Streets, April 1, 1844, in his eighty-fourth year. In his early life he had been connected with the State Department as assistant to Robert R. Livingston, which brought him into contact with all the early statesmen and Revolutionary heroes. In a discourse upon his death delivered by Dr. Robley Dunglison before the American Philosophical Society he quotes from a letter of Duponceau which shows the life of a Philadelphia lawyer in early days:

In the beginning of the present century, during the reign of the embargo, non-intercourse, and other restrictive measures produced by the British orders in council, and the Berlin and Milan decrees, a great number of cases were carried up from this city to the Supreme Court of the United States. The counsel engaged in those causes were in the habit of going together to Washington to argue their causes before that tribunal. These were Mr. Ingersoll, Mr. Dallas, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Edward Tilghman, Mr. Rawle and myself, who am, alas, the only survivor of that joyous band. We hired a stage to ourselves, in which we proceeded by easy journeys. The court sat then, in the month of February; so that we had to travel

in the depth of winter, through bad roads, in the midst of rain, hail and snow, in no very comfortable way. Nevertheless, as soon as we were out of the city, and felt the flush of air, we were like school boys in the playground on a holiday; and we began to kill time by all the means that our imaginations could suggest. Flashes of wit shot their coruscations on all sides; puns of the genuine Philadelphia stamp were handed out; old college stories were revived; macaroni Latin was spoken with great purity; songs were sung—even classical songs—among which I recollect the famous Bacchanalian of the Archdeacon of Oxford, "Mihi est propositum in taberna mori"; in short, we might have been taken for anything but the grave counsellors of the celebrated bar of Philadelphia.

I shall always remember with pleasure those delightful journeys, in which we all became intimately acquainted with each other; for on such occasions, when free scope is given to the imagination, men appear in their true characters, and no art can prevent them from showing themselves as they really are. Our appearance at the bar of the Supreme Court was always a scene of triumph. We entered the hall together, and Judge Bushrod Washington was heard to say: "This is my bar." Our causes had a preference over all others, in consideration of the distance we had to travel. The greatest liberality was shown to us by the members of the profession who usually attended that court. It was really a proud thing, at that time, to be a Philadelphia lawyer.

On the acquisition of Louisiana he was offered the Chief Justiceship of the new territory by President Jefferson, but declined. Chief Justice James T. Mitchell, of Pennsylvania, lately said of him:

It is doubtful if he was not always more of a scholar and

philosopher than a lawyer, but he took great interest in the science of jurisprudence and in the brotherhood of the bar especially among the younger men. He occupied a very prominent place in the intellectual life of his day, having been first provost of the Law Academy, second chancellor of the Law Association, president of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and of the American Philosophical Society.

Richard Wistar was born in Philadelphia on the twentieth of July, 1756. He was a member of the Society of Friends. In 1790 he was in the hardware business at the northwest corner of Third and Market Streets. The Friends disowned him for his patriotism during the Revolution and for marrying Sarah Morris out of meeting. His Masonic certificate on parchment in English, French and Spanish is dated twenty-seventh of August, 1779, and signed by Brother John Wood of Lodge No. 2, Grand Secretary. It is related of him that he always carried with him his Masonic certificate tied up in a silken bag when he traveled by sea or land. How great a patriot he was is best illustrated by his letter of June 11, 1783, as Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 2, on page 44, to the Right Worshipful Grand Master asking for a dispensation to initiate three Revolutionary colonels. He was also noted for his generosity, and on April 11, 1785, he contributed £2 5s. to Lodge No. 2 for building a house for the Grand Lodge. He resigned in 1791 to form with some others Lodge No. 51, and

was the Worshipful Master mentioned in the warrant. He died in 1821.

Dr. Caspar Wistar, one of Philadelphia's most distinguished physicians, the brother of Richard, was born on the thirteenth of September, 1761. He studied medicine under Dr. John Redman, who was also a member of Lodge No. 2, and in 1782 he was given the degree of doctor of medicine by the University of Pennsylvania. He then continued his medical studies in London and Edinburgh. In 1787 he was physician to the Philadelphia Dispensary and a member of the College of Physicians and the American Philosophical Society. He rendered most efficient service during the yellow fever epidemic of 1793 and contracted that disease himself, but fortunately recovered. In 1792 he was assistant professor of anatomy in the University of Pennsylvania and subsequently was professor of that branch from 1808 to 1818. He was the founder of the Wistar Museum of the University of Pennsylvania, 36th and Woodland Avenue. Anatomy was his forte, but he was well versed in chemistry, botany, mineralogy and history in all its branches. It was his custom to gather around him weekly at his house many of the men of learning in Philadelphia or from foreign parts, and this is the origin of our present Wistar Party which is called after him. He died on the fourteenth of January, 1818.

The leading part taken by Lodge No. 2 in early Freemasonry is readily understood when we recall who these men were and their high social and professional standing in Philadelphia.

The first American flag displayed on the Thames at London after the peace of 1783 was on the ship "William Penn," commanded by Captain James Josiah, a member of Lodge No. 2, and who commanded the sloop "Le Gerard" assisting the brig "Convention," Captain Houston, in the capture of the sloop "Active," which resulted in the memorable contest between the state and the nation.

Brother Lafayette stopped in Philadelphia, August 9, 1784, on his way to Mt. Vernon to visit Brother George Washington and present him with the Masonic apron now in the Grand Lodge library, and it was then that Brother John Parke of Lodge No. 2 in honor of his presence composed and published the ode greeting Brother Lafayette.

In 1785 the Sublime Lodge of Perfection was consecrated, and Brother Joseph Dean, a member of Lodge No. 2, and later Senior Grand Warden, presented to the Grand Lodge a lot of ground southwest corner Twelfth and Walnut streets upon which to build a Grand Lodge house. It was considered at that time too far out in the country for the purpose, and it was therefore on February 23, 1809, unfortunately sold for $2,000.

Rev. Samuel Magaw, Vice Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, a member of the craft, delivered a sermon for the benefit of the poor at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Saturday, December 27, 1783, dedicated to the Chevalier de Luzerne, minister to the United States from the Court of France, as shown by facsimile.

The next event was a sermon on the character of the Evangelist St. John preached December 27, 1784, before the Grand Lodge at Christ Church by the Rev. William White, Chaplain to Congress, 1781–1801, rector of Christ Church and St. Peter's, who upon the organization of the American Episcopal Church became the first Bishop. His consecration took place at Lambeth Palace, London, England, on February 4, 1787.

The year 1793 is memorable because of the epidemic of yellow fever and the attempts of the French emigrés to destroy our faith in our Supreme Master, the great architect of the universe, and our new government, going so far as to attempt to impeach President Washington. As is well known, their efforts failed and the failure was contributed to in no slight degree by the craft, who performed the duty which Masons ought always to inculcate, viz.: to God, our neighbor and ourselves. The conspicuous leaders who stood for law, order and religion were President Washington, Bishop William White and Pastor Helmuth of the Lutheran Church.

On December 27, 1793, St. John's Day, the Grand Lodge attended Divine service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and the Masonic prayer delivered by Rev. Samuel Magaw, D.D., the rector, was considered of such importance that it was published in pamphlet form. The facsimile of the service, prayer and dedication are reproduced.

St. John's Day, June 24, 1795, was observed by a public procession from the Grand Lodge, Fifth and Arch Streets, to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Second and Pine Streets, where a sermon was delivered by Rev. Brother Dr. William Smith, of Lodge No. 2.

Our illustrious brother, General George Washington, having died, Brother George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, a member of Lodge No. 2, on December 23, 1799, notified the brethren to meet in consequence of an invitation of the Committee of Arrangements of Congress to attend the funeral oration in honor of the late Lieutenant General George Washington as directed by Congress. The Grand Lodge decided to join in the honor about to be shown to the memory of our illustrious deceased brother, and the brethren then formed in due order in the Grand Lodge Room, and moving from thence joined in the general procession, which formed in the middle of Chestnut Street, right on Sixth. The route was down Fifth to Walnut Street, down Walnut to Fourth and up Fourth to Zion German Lutheran Church. A bier covered with

a pall was carried in the procession by six sergeants and was deposited in front of the altar beneath the pulpit. An anthem, monody and dirge composed for the occasion was sung by a choir, the leading voices in which were artists from the theatre in Chestnut Street, the original music of which is now in the Library of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The funeral service was pronounced by the Rt. Rev. Bishop William White, after which General Henry Lee, of Virginia, delivered the address in accordance with the resolution of Congress, wherein Brother Washington was characterized as being "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen," which being ended, the Masonic procession returned to the Grand Lodge room.

On January 1, 1800, the French Lodge L'Amenite, No. 73, of the Pennsylvania jurisdiction, held a Public Lodge of Sorrow, upon which occasion an oration in French on Brother George Washington was delivered by Brother Simon Chaudron. The facsimile of the title page of this oration is reproduced in both French and English. Subsequently on Washington's birthday, twenty-second day of February, 1800, the Grand Lodge listened to an oration commemorative of the virtues and greatness of General Washington by Rev. Brother Samuel Magaw, D.D., at the German Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, the title page of which is also reproduced.

The anniversary of St. John's Day was observed on Monday, the twenty-fourth of June, 1811, at St. John's Lutheran Church, on the south side of Race Street, below Sixth Street, by an oration on Masonry by the Right Worshipful Grand Master James Milnor and the singing of two Masonic hymns specially composed for the occasion, one by Brother Robert Taylor and the other by Brother Joseph Clay, Past Master of Lodge No. 3. The craft then proceeded to the Chestnut Street hall, then just completed, where the ceremony of formal dedication took place, followed by a banquet attended by the Grand Officers of New Jersey and Maryland and other respectable visitors and brethren, two hundred in number.

The records show and the craft in reading this book cannot fail to be impressed with the fact that our ancient brethren dispensed charity with a liberal hand according to their means to those entitled to it. Like the Psalmist, we have considered the days of old and the years that are past and have set forth the life and achievements of Lodge No. 2 as it is recorded. It is a Masonic record to be proud of, and in saying it we recall Lord Macauley's words that "A people which takes no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants." If this history shall serve to make the craft more proud of our Masonic forefathers who practiced out

of the Lodge those pure principles of fraternity and morality they were taught within it, our end will be attained.

We cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing our obligations and thanks to Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother Louis C. Massey, of Florida, Brother Daniel W. Nead, P. M., of Colonial Lodge No. 631, for preparing index of subjects and names. Also Honorable William White Wiltbank and Honorable John M. Scott, for their courtesy and assistance.

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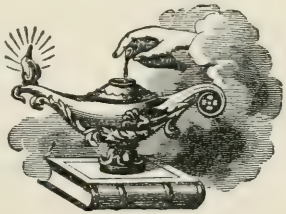

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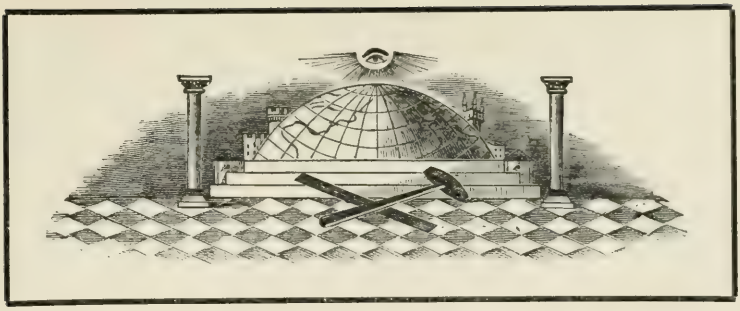

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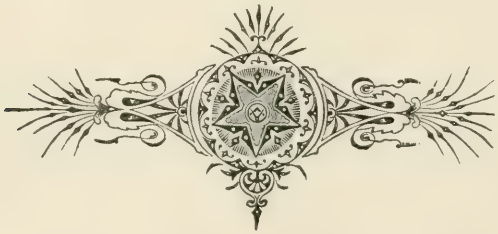

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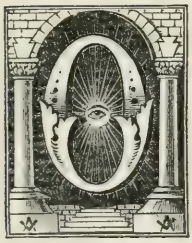
CHAPTER XIV.

Under the Provincial Grand Lodge.



OUR second volume of the History of "Freemasonry in Pennsylvania" as shown by the Records of the Provincial Grand Lodge, together with those of Lodge No. 2 and contemporary sister Lodges, begins with a transcript of the third minute book of the venerable Lodge No. 2, and covers the period from 1782 to June 16, 1787. Unfortunately there is no date to the first entry in the old leather-bound tome. The transactions here recorded are undoubtedly the ones alluded to "as being transcribed into a new book," on page 440 of the previous volume.

The first regular entry for the year 1782 appears to be of the Lodge held Wednesday, January 9, 1782. With the advent of the new year the political conditions of the country assumed a more normal shape.

The surrender of Cornwallis in the previous October, had virtually ended the British attempt to conquer America. Peace and independence now seemed assured. The financial skies also commenced to brighten, and our Fraternity entered upon an era of activity which extended to both our own Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges at home and in the several states owing Masonic fealty to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The question of a General Grand Master for the American Colonies having been eliminated by the adverse action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, as set forth in Chapter XII. of our initial volume, the chief event of Masonic import now was the compilation of an abridgment of the English Ahiman Rezon or Book of Constitutions, suitable for modern needs, under the changed condition of affairs, both political and social. This important matter was under consideration since the year 1779, when at the Grand Communication held on December 20.

A motion was made and seconded that a new Edition of the Book of Constitution be prepared for the press, and the Deputy Grand Master [Bro. John Coats], the Grand Sec'y [Rev. Bro. William Smith], Br. Young Treasurer of No. 2, Br. Bernard of No. 3, Br. Whitehead of No. 4, and Br. Leaming of No. 13, were appointed a Committe to revise and Prepare the Constitution for the press, and lay it before the next Quarterly Communication, leaving out what may be superfluous.

This important task was assigned by the Committee to Rev. Brother William Smith, D.D., who was perhaps the most learned scholar in the state and a member of Lodge No. 2, and at the same time Grand Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge. How well and satisfactorily the Reverend Brother completed this revision, which was really a labor of love, is shown by the minutes of the Grand Lodge, viz.:

November 22, 1781.

Grand Lodge of Emergency.

The Right Worshipful, William Ball, Esq., Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary opened the Business of the evening by informing that the Lodge was call'd together in Order to give their Sanction to the New Book of Constitutions, as order'd to be revised and published for the benefit of the Brethren in America,—whereupon the Manuscript was order'd to be read.

The Book of Constitutions being read, the same was unanimously approved of and Order'd to be printed.

Resolv'd, That the Mason's Arms be engraved as a frontispiece for the book, and in case our beloved and Illustrious Brother General Washington permit it to be dedicated to him, that his Excellency's Arms be engraved and prefixed to the Dedication.

The Thanks of the Grand Lodge were Unanimously ordered to be given to the Grand Secretary, for the care and attention with which he has revised and abridged the Constitution Book.

The patriotic spirit of our forbears shines out prominently in this effort to honor General Wash-

ington. The only regret is that the resolution to insert the Washington arms in front of the Dedication was not carried into effect.

The special frontispiece of the "Mason's Arms" was engraved by Brother Robert Scot.[1] This represented

ARMS OF BROTHER GEORGE WASHINGTON.
Proposed as a prefix to the dedication of the Ahiman Rezon, but evidently not sanctioned by him.

the arms of the most "Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons" together with the "Arms of the Operative or Stone Mason's" Guild. An edition of two thousand were printed by Kinnan & Leacock, for which they received the sum of £ 14—4—0 as per minutes of March 29, 1784.

[1] Robert Scot, b. England. This appears to have been his earliest work in this country. He was later Engraver to the Mint.

FRONTISPIECE OF THE AHIMAN REZON, PENNSYLVANIA, 1783.

ORIGINAL PLATE IN MUSEUM OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The original engraved plate of this frontispiece is now on exhibition, together with an original impression by Kinnan & Leacock, in the Museum of the Grand Lodge Library in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

Shortly after the motion was adopted to prepare the New American Ahiman Rezon a committee was appointed to enquire as to how many copies of the new constitutions would be taken by the various subordinate Lodges. The report was made at the Grand Communication, December 18, 1780, in which Lodge No. 2 heads the list with the report "that they will take two hundred Copies of the Constitution Books." Arrangements were also made for the printing of the proposed book. For this purpose, at the March Communication in 1781, it was "Ordered that twenty pounds specie, or the exchange, be advanced to Brother Sellers to procure paper for printing the Constitution Books."

As a further matter of interest we may recall the fact that Brother William Sellers was the surviving partner of the old firm of Hall & Sellers, whose senior member during his lifetime was so active a member in both the Grand Lodge and of Lodge No. 2. On account of the financial troubles of that day, continental scrip having fallen almost to zero, the publication suffered delay.

At the Grand Communication, December 23, 1782, it was ordered,

That the Sermon and Prayer, as delivered by Brother Smith, Grand Sec'y, some time since, be printed in the Book of Constitutions, and that the Dy. Gd. Sec'y be ordered to present the thanks of this Grand Lodge to Bro. Smith for his care, attention, etc., in forming the same, which thanks are to be inserted in the said Book of Constitutions.

Agreeable to the above order Bro. Joseph Howell, Jr., Deputy Grand Secretary, sent an extract from the minutes to the printer for insertion in the book.

It was not until St. John's day, June 24, 1783, that the New Ahiman Rezon was ready for delivery. Upon the Quarterly Communication on that day Bros. Rutherford, Proctor and Jennings were appointed a committee to issue a circular letter and send it to the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, informing them of the Book of Constitutions being ready for delivery, requesting to know what number each Lodge will take.

On motion it was also agreed:

That Brother Sellers and Woodhouse shall have the Privilege of disposing of the Books of Constitutions to those Brethren who may want the same at the rate of 5/p. each Book p. Dozen and 7/6 for each single one, until next St. John's Day when this Gr. Lodge agrees to receive and pay for those which may be left on hand. Brother Sellers informed that 2000 books be printed, 1000 of which were ordered to be bound neatly.

At an Emergency Lodge held July 12, 1783, it was ordered,

Under the Provincial Grand Lodge

AHIMAN REZON

ABRIDGED AND DIGESTED:

AS A

Help to all that are, or would be

Free and Accepted MASONS.

TO WHICH IS ADDED,

A SERMON,

PREACHED IN CHRIST-CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA,

AT A GENERAL COMMUNICATION,

CELEBRATED, AGREEABLE TO THE CONSTITUTIONS, ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1778, AS THE ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF

The GRAND LODGE of PENNSYLVANIA,

BY WILLIAM SMITH, D. D.

PHILADELPHIA:

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TITLE PAGE OF AHIMAN REZON.

Grand Lodge of *Pennſylvania.*

November 22, 1781.

THE ABRIDGEMENT *of the Book of* CONSTITUTIONS *being read, the ſame was unanimouſly approved of, and ordered to be printed; and alſo, that the Thanks of this* GRAND LODGE *be given to our beloved Brother, the Reverend* WILLIAM SMITH, D. D. Grand Secretary, *for the great Care and Attention he has beſtowed in reviſing and abridging the ſaid Book of* CONSTITUTIONS.

Extract from the Minutes,

JOSEPH HOWELL, jun. *D. G. Secr'y.*

ENDORSEMENT OF GRAND LODGE.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

GEORGE WASHINGTON, Esq.

GENERAL AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF

OF THE

ARMIES OF THE UNITED STATES

OF

A M E R I C A:

IN *Testimony*, as well of his exalted Services to his Country, as of that noble PHILANTHROPY which distinguishes Him among MASONS, the following CONSTITUTIONS of the most ancient and honorable Fraternity of *Free and Accepted Masons*, by Order and in Behalf of the GRAND LODGE of *Pennsylvania*, &c. is dedicated,

By his Excellency's

Most humble Servant,

And faithful Brother,

WILLIAM SMITH, G. Secretary.

June 24, 1782.

The Grand Lodge

To Wm. Woodhouse Dr

1784 April 3d

For binding 1892 ahimanrezon at 1/6 per piece	141-18-0
Binding 1 in Morocco (extra)	0-17-6
	142-15-6
	98-0-0
Balance due me	£ 44-15-6

Contra — — — Cr.

By 280 Ahimanrezons	£ 70-0-0
By Cash	25-0-0
By 12 Ahimanrezon	3-0-0
	98-0-0

Statement of Brother William Woodhouse.

That three dozen Books of the Constitutions be presented to our worthy Brother, the Rev'd Doc'r Smith, for the great care and attention which he has paid in revising the same—as also a Letter expressing the thanks of this G^d Lodge to him.

During the years 1782 and 1783 political controversy continued to run high, and was marked by personal disputes, in which Brother Thomas Proctor and Eleazer Oswald were prominent factors, without, however, affecting our Fraternity.

The most important Masonic event of the year 1783, in addition to the publication of the New Ahiman Rezon, was an effort made to establish a fund *"For the relief of distressed and indigent Free Masons."* This was the first attempt at organized Masonic charity in the western world.

This matter was considered in open Lodge on the fifteenth of March, just two days after the news had reached Philadelphia of the signing of a preliminary treaty of peace with England, and was brought to America by the Packet "General Washington," which reached Philadelphia on the twelfth of March, 1783.

Beginning of Third Minute Book of Lodge No. 2.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened, when conformable to the Dispensation mentioned in the Transactions of the preceeding Lodge night—Ezekiel Bowen, Richard MacGuffin, William Tinsley, Tristram Moore, and Thomas Speer (Clandestine Masons) were bal-

loted for, to be initiated into the sacred mysteries of the ancient Craft, and unanimously approved, as worthy—

Brother Hoopes of Lodge No 14, who petitioned to be admitted a member of this Lodge was proved worthy by sufferage, and accordingly admitted.

The petition of Mess Moffit and Shutwell, praying for admission into the fellowship and fraternity of the ancient Masons, were read and ordered to ly on the Books, conformable to the Bye-Laws.

The petition of Bro. Grayson praying of the Lodge to be indulged with the same exalted Honor, was also read, and ordered to lie on the Books.

Bros. Bowen and MacGuffin were now admitted to Masonic fellowship by being solemnly initiated into the Mysteries of the First degree of our order

Bros Wister, Farril and Hoopes were appointed a Committe on the petition of Mess. Moffet—Shutwell and Grayson

Bro R. Jones of Lodge No 4, exhibited to the Lodge a Complaint against Bro. Wm Bradford, on the subject of a contract respecting Pork.—Bro. Bradford being then absent, Bros Proctor and Fallon were appointed to communicate to him, that such complaint hath been instituted.

On Motion made by Bro Proctor, seconded by Bro Rutherford, that (in lieu of all past arrearages) the sum of Fifteen pounds be paid by this, to the Grand Lodge, so soon as our Lodge funds will conveniently

admit of such deduction—Whereupon the question was put from the Chair, to be decided on by the Holding up of Hands; when it was carried in the affirmative by a Majority.

It was then moved from the Chair at the Requisition of Mr Jno MacPherson,[1] that on Vacation nights he be indulged the privilege of making use of the Lodge room, for the Laudable purpose of lecturing on the Iseoretic and Experimental Tenets held forth by Sir Isaac Newton and others, in their systems of Natural Philosophy: When it was unanimously agreed by the Brethren then present, that such request of this learned Gentleman be complied with; as it tended to diffuse science, and throw light on doctrines hitherto considered by less elevated minds, as abtruse, and even inscrutable.—A clause is, however, super added: that for the Safety of the Lodge, it's Furniture and Implements, the Tyler always attend when such Lectures are exhibited; and that for each time, and such attendance, he be paid by Mr MacPherson, the sum of One Dollar.

Bro. Kirkpatrick paid 7 shillings 6d. for Mr Grayson. Bros. Bowden & MacGuffin paid £ 1—15—0 Each for their Initiation and 3 shillings 9d. each for the Tylers dues.

[1] John Macpherson was the builder and owner of the Mansion known as "Mt. Pleasant" now in Fairmount park. Two of his sons were prominent officers during the Revolution. The mansion was occupied for a short time by Benedict Arnold after his marriage to Peggy Shippen.

Bro Christoph Irwine pd. £ 4—8—6 in full for his initiation fees and arrearages.

Paid at same time, by order of the W. M. into the hands of Bro Kirkpatrick and Dick, the sum of six Dollars, for the purpose of obtaining Refreshments for the Brethren, and the further sum of two Dollars to the Tyler for Tyling the Lodge and Summoning the Members

In consideration of the accumulated business of the Lodge, this night, the Members present unanimously agreed to dispense with the lecture which by the Bye-Laws, is obligatory on the Master every stated Lodge night, except the Majority then present and pleased to excuse him therefrom—and his Fine was therefore remitted.—

The Lodge adjourned to the hour of Five tomorrow evening—and was then closed in good harmony.

J. Fallon Sec'y

Wednesday, January 9, 1782, A. M. 5782.—Extra Lodge opened in due form.

Bro Charles Young W. M. in the Chair—Farril, S. W.—Fisher, J. W.—Proctor, P. M.—Fallon, Sec'y—Present 13 Members, and 7 Visiting Brethren.

Transactions. — An E. A. Lodge opened. Bro. Hoopes paid 20 Shillings—the stated fees for having been admitted a Member of the Lodge.—J. McLain paid 7 Shillings dues to last St John's Day.—Mr. Moffit, who petitioned, was balloted for and approved

last Lodge night, and being necessarily called to Sea before the expiration of time fixed by the By-Laws for his Initiation, hath now been entered into the mysteries of the first Masonic Step, in Virtue of a Dispensation from the D. G. Master, granted for that purpose.—He gave thanks and paid £ 3—10—0 fees and 7.06d for the Tyler.

E. A. Lodge Closed & F. C. Opened. Bros. J. Bowen and R MacGuffin were passed to Second Degree.

F. C. Lodge Closed and M. M. Lodge opened, when Bro J^s MacLain was raised to the third step.

Bro Young W. M. of the Lodge was, at this period called out of Lodge on business, when his Jewels & Chair were resigned to Bro Boyle, who raised Bros. E. Bowen and W. MacGuffin to the Sublime Step in Masonry.

On Motion made by Bro Proctor, seconded by Bro Boyle, the W. M. then presiding, the sum of £ 1—10—6 was then deposited by the Brethren, for the purpose of purchasing a Great Coat for Bro Gyslin, the Tyler.

Received three Dollars from Bros Bowen and MacGuffin for the expenses of the night, out of which four Shillings and Six pence were paid to the Tyler—for Biscuits purchased.

Lodge closed half past Eleven in good Fellowship & Harmony.

Saturday, January 12, 1782.—Extra Lodge opened

in due form. Bro. Chas. Young, W. M in the Chair. —Present—Seven Members and one Visitor.

Transactions.—A F. C. Lodge was opened and Bro Moffit was passed to second Degree—F. C. Lodge closed and M. M. Lodge opened when Bro Moffit was raised to sublime degree of M. M. and rendered thanks for that exalted Honor.—Lodge then closed in perfect harmony

Monday, January 14, 1782.—Extra Lodge opened in due form Bro Chas. Young Esq W. M. in the Chair.—Present—Eight Members and nine Visiting Brethren.—

Transactions.—A F. C. Lodge opened—Bro. C. Irwine passed to second step in Masonry. F. C. Lodge then closed, and M. M. opened; when the Bro. just passed, was then raised to the Degree of a M. M.

Paid Bro. Farrel one quarter Dollar to disburse for Candles for the night. Lodge closed in good Harmony.—

Tuesday, February 12, 1782.—Stated Lodge in due form. Bro. P. Farril S. W. and W. M. pro. tempore in the Chair.—Bro. Wm M. Smith—Treas, and S. W. pro. tem.—Wister J. W. pro. tem

Present, Eleven Members and eleven Visiting brethren.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened. When an authentic extract from the minutes of Lodge No 4, was Communicated by Bros Adams and Ord of that Lodge:—

"Mr Mich[1] Clerk, having lain the usual time on our books, was balloted for, and being by the report found unworthy, was *blackball'd*—Ordered that the above be made known to the different Lodges in our Vicinity"— Signed J. Shober Sec'y.

The aforesaid Committe (Adams & Ord) were further authorized to represent to this Lodge, the wish of Lodge No 4, that a Committe be appointed to convene with other Committes from the different Lodges of this City, on the subject of deliberating, consulting and deciding on the propriety of *raising the Initiation fees,* as also on the subject of making better provision for Bro Gyslin, the Tyler.—Report adopted and Bros Smith and Wister appointed a committe for the purpose. Mess. Tinsley and Grayson, were initiated in the first degree.—The W. M. then gave an E. A. Lecture.

At half past ten, the Lodge Closed in good Fellowship.

Wednesday, February 13, 1782.—Extra Lodge in due form. Bro P. Farril S. W. in the Chair—Present, Eight Members, and five Visitors.

Transactions.—A F. C. Lodge opened—Bro Tinsley was passed. F. C. Lodge closed and M. M. Lodge opened when Bro Tinsley was raised to third Degree. —M. M. Lodge closed and E. A. Lodge opened, when Tristram Moore and Thomas Speer were Entered.

It was then Motioned from the Chair, to have the sentiments of the Lodge, whether past experience had

not evinced, that the use and abuse hitherto made of the indulgence so liberally granted to Mr Jno. McPherson occasionally to possess the Lodge-room, for the purpose of Lecturing on Astronomy &c, doth not actually authorize the Lodge, to revoke the said Indulgence; and further that the Secretary be directed to desire Mr McPherson, to have all his Implements and Aparatus removed out of the said room by the second Tuesday in March next, being the Stated Lodge night; when, after some short debate, and the question being again put, it was unanimously carried in the affirmative: whereupon, the Secretary was directed, to have a Letter prepared, and addressed to Mr McPherson, expressive of this decision in order to submit it to the revision of this Lodge on the next night of meeting.

The Lodge then closed, and adjourned, till tomorrow night, to convene in the Lodge room of No 3, which the Master, officers and Brethren of that Lodge obligingly granted, as Mr McPherson had preemptorily protested against the admission of this Lodge to their own Appartment, and as Bro. Shippen had occasion for the adjoining—Lodgeroom of No 13; whose business this Lodge are unwilling to impede—Parted at the hour of ten in good Harmony.

Thursday, February 14, 1782.—Extra Lodge in due form. Bro. P. Farril S. W. in the Chair. Present—ten members and seven Visitors.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened; when a Letter written by the Secretary, addressed to Mr John

McPherson, on subject set forth in the Journals of last night, was read, and approved. E. A. Lodge closed and F. C. opened when Bros Moore and Speer were passed to second degree. F. C. Lodge closed and M. M. Opened, when Bros. Moore and Speer were raised to the sublime degree in Masonry. Closed in Harmony and good fellowship ¼ past 10.

Tuesday, March 12, 1782.—Stated Lodge opened in due form. Bro P. Farril S. W. in the Chair—Present 12 Members 8 Visiting Brethren.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened; when a Report was read from, the United Committes of Lodges No. 2, 3, 4, 9 and 13, respecting Initiation Fees, as also the better support and provision for Bro Gysling, the Tyler of these respective Lodges; which report was exhibited in the following words & form:—

"Resolved, That the fees from each candidate in future be the sum of two Half-Johannes[2] to the funds of the Lodge, five Shillings to the Sec'y, and the same sum of five shillings to the Tyler.—

"Resolved, That in consideration of the long services, and present helpless situation of Bro. W. Gysling, it is the sense and determination of this Committe, that as long as Brother Gysling is capable of acting as Tyler, the different lodges he serves allow him two Dollars a month, one of which to be paid him at each stated monthly meeting, the other to be de-

[2] Half-Johannis, a Portugese gold coin then current in commercial circles, same as the louis d'or and doubloon. The equivalent for the half Johannis in United States gold is about $6.86.

tained in the hands of the Treasurer, to be laid out according to the direction of the Lodges.

W. Moore Smitl	Committee of No 2
Wm Adams Geo Ord	Committee of No 3
Geo Way	Committee of No 4
Wm Matthews Wm Copeland	Committee of No 9
Jas. Howell jr	Com. of No 13

February 14, 1782.—Whereupon the question being put from the chair, It was unanimously adopted—

A letter was then read, signed Danl. Roberdeau and addressed to the W. M. of this Lodge, respecting, a settlement with the Managers, or Trustees of this Building for past and future terms of Rent-roll and expenses for the same; As also a Billet upon the same subject, undersigned Danl. Roberdeau and Jno Swift, addressed to Mr Ball our W. G. M:; when after some debate the further consideration of this Matter was postponed, until the arrival of Bro. Wm Smith the Grand Secretary, who was supposed to be the Person best acquainted with every ground of title and claim in these managers to make such requisitions.—

A Petition was then exhibited by Bro. Wm Moore Smith, from Captain Duponceau,[3] requesting to be admitted to the Honor of Masonic Fellowship; when, according to the tenor of our By-Laws, it was ordered to lie on the Books, until the next stated Lodge-meet-

[3] Peter Stephen Duponceau, b. France, 1760, d. Philadelphia, 1844. Came to America as member of Baron Steuben's Staff, later translator for the Secretary of Foreign Affairs. At time of his death he was president of the American Philosophical Society.

BRO. CAPT. PETER STEPHEN DUPONCEAU.

BORN FRANCE, 1760. DIED PHILADELPHIA, PA., 1844.

SOLDIER, STATESMAN AND PHILOLOGIST.

ing: and Bros. Proctor and Kirkpatrick were appointed to make the proper Enquiries into his character and conduct.

It was next Motioned by Bro McCullough, and seconded by Bro Proctor, that the accusation with which Bro Harman Courter hath been formerly impeached by Bro Clarkson, and hitherto unsupported and not finally determined on, be now (in Justice to the suffering character of a Brother, and in justice to the Honor of the Craft) taken into consideration; when it was the sense of the Lodge, that an Extra Lodge be called on the next Friday Evening, at six O'clock, for finally hearing and determining on the merits of said Impeachment; and Bros. McCullough and Wm Fisher were appointed to advise the Parties thereof.

Tuesday, March 13, 1782.—Adjourned Stated Lodge opened in due form. Bro. P. Ferral in the Chair—

Present Twelve members—five Visitors

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened; when the subject of Impeachment, anciently brought against Bro H. Courter by Bro. Clarkson, and hitherto unsupported; renewed for final discussion on the last Lodge night, but referred to this, was, on account of the absence of Bro. Clarkson, postponed to a late hour, in hopes that (according to summons) he would make his appearance e're the Lodge closed, and support his charge. In the mean time, a F. C. Lodge was opened, when Mr Grayson was passed to the second Degree. F. C. Lodge closed and E. A again opened. When Bro Clarkson, not appearing, the Impeachment

was dismissed as groundless, Bro Courter was acquitted with honor. A F. C. lodge opened when Bro Courter was passed to the Second Degree.—

Petitions for admission were received from Hughan Shewell jr and Capt John Reiley—of the Invalid Reg't.

Tuesday, April 9, 1782.—Stated Lodge opened in due form.

Bro P. Ferrall in the Chair. Present Eleven members,—Eight Visitors.—

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened, when Mr William Shutwell (whose Petition for a long time hath laid in the Books) Capt. Duponceau and Capt John Reiley of the Invalids with Mr Hughan Shewell jr were balloted for and approved.

Bro Charles Connor a M. M. applied for membership being recommended by the W. M. was also approved.

A. E. Lodge Closed and M. M. opened, when Bro Benj. Grayson was raised to third degree.—

A Petition was received from Mr Edw McGuhan ordered to lie on the books.

Tuesday, April 30, 1782.—Extra Lodge in due form.

Bro. Charles Young W. M—present fourteen members.—Six Visitors—

Transactions.—An E. A Lodge opened, when dispensations from the W. D. G. M were read for the immedeate initiation of Mr John Jordan and Ebenezor Nickerson. They were balloted for and ap-

proved—and Entered also Thomas Wiley who was previously approved.

Bros. Jordan and Nickerson paid £ 6—10—0 each for their initiation fees and Bro Wiley £ 3—17—6.

Thursday, May 2, 1782.—Adjourned Lodge opened in due form—Bro Charles Young W. M. Present Thirteen Members six Visitors

Transactions.—A F. C. Lodge opened when Bros. Jordan, Shewell, Wiley and Nickerson were passed to the Second Degree—The Lodge then adjourned to Saturday night at 6 O'Clock and was closed in good Harmony.

Saturday, May 4, 1782.—Adjourned Lodge opened in due form. Bro Charles Young W. M. in the Chair.

Bro P. Ferrall, S. W.—Gostelowe, J. W.—Proctor P. M Bankson P. M—Boyle P. M—W. M. Smith—J. Fallon—Mucklehatton—Bradford—C. Connor—Wiley —Jordan—Shewell—Nickerson. Ten Visitors.—

Transactions.—A. M. M. Lodge opened when Bros Thomas. Wiley—Ebenezer Nickerson—Steph Shewell and John Jordan were raised to the third and sublime Degree in Masonry, and gave thanks for that high honor

Tuesday, May 14, 1782.—Stated Lodge in due form

Bro Charles Young W. M. present fifteen members Eight Visitors

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened. a petition was received from Mr Mathias Kerlin—ordered to lie on the Books.

Moved from the Chair that Bros Ferrall and Bradford be appointed to procure a floor cloth, with suitable devices, for this Lodge,—Unanimously assented to.

A request from Lodge No. 9 handed in by Bros Whitehead and Mathews, a Committe from said Lodge purporting their distress from the want of a fit room, to convene in, and soliciting a temporary use of this Lodge room in the way of a favor was read, when it was moved from the Chair that the sense of this Lodge be taken on the merits of said requisition, and whether considering the distress of our Brethren, it may not be proper for this Lodge, to agree to accomodate Lodge No 9 with the use of this room, on every first Thursday of the month, for the ensuing three months, when it was unanimously carried in the affirmative, and the Secretary was ordered to make a report of the same to the above Committe.

A petition was presented by Bro Charles Erdman an E. A. Mason—ballated for and approved.

The distressed and deplorable situation of Mrs Moore the wife of Bro Wm Moore of No 4 and her family was laid before the Lodge, when a Charitable donation of £ 4—10—10 Hard money and five shillings, State of New Jersey money, was then administered by the Brethren and requested to be presented to Bro John King.—

Tuesday, June 11, 1782.—Stated Lodge opened in

due form—Present—Bro Alex Rutherford in the Chair.

Wm Smith G. Treasurer.—Jer^a Fisher S. W.—Bro. McCulloch J. W.—Bros Fallon—C. Irvine—Hopes—C. Erdman — Duffy — Malahon — Jarvis.—Visiting Brethren — Bros. Hamilton — Khun — Aertson — Parr—Henderson—Hughes (1st time).

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened—a petition was received from Mr John Rutherford—ordered to lie on the Books—referred to Bros Hopes & McCulloch.

The number of Brethren being too few for holding the election of officers as established by the Bye-Laws, this Business was therefore defferred to a future meeting before St Johns.—A F. C. Lodge then opened, when Bro Charles Erdman & Andrew Duffy were passed to F. C.

As there was no nourishment provided, no dues were paid, Lodge was then adjourned to next Friday night

Closed in good Harmony.

June 14, 1782.—Adjourned Stated Lodge in due form—

Bro Charles Young W. M.—Present—Proctor P. M Eleven members, and five Visitors

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge was opened, and an election held for officers to serve for the ensuing six months: When Bro Chas. Young was re-elected to the Chair—Bro Wister S. W.—Bro Roberts J. W.

—Bro Wm Fisher, Treas.—Bro Hopes Sec'y.—Bro Jarvis S. D—Bro. Chris. Irvin J. D. and Bros Sewell and King Stewards.—It was then agreed that the Brethren dine on the ensuing St John's Day at Bro Skinners near the Play House.

June 15, 1782.—Lodge opened in due form—Bro C. Young W. M. Present, Eleven members,—three Visitors.—

Transactions.—A. M. M. Lodge opened when Bros. King, Molohan and Erdman were raised to the sublime degree of M. M.

St. John's Day, June 24, 1782.—Present Bros Chas. Young W. M.—Wister S. W. Roberts—J. W.—Wm M. Smith.—Savage Fallon—Gassaway—Shewell—Hopes —Erdman Irvine and W. Fisher.—Visiting Brethren. —Bros Allen—Ord—Connor.

Transactions.—A Masters Lodge was opened in due form, when the officers were installed, according to ancient usage.—The customary congratulations, then passed. When an E. A. Lodge was Opened and Closed.

The Brethren then adjourned to Bro Skinner's where a dinner was prepared, and the day spent in festivity and good Harmony.—

July 9, 1782.—Stated Lodge—Present—Bro Chas. Young W. M.—Eleven members—six Visitors.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge Opened, when Mr Stephen Deponceau was initiated, and received the first degree in Masonry, returned and gave thanks.

Petitions were received from Messrs. Eames Geary, and Thomas Maybray.—

John Rutherford, was balloted for and approved.

Following Committe was appointed to meet at Wm Moores cor Almond & front Sts to settle the accounts of the Lodge on friday next at 6 O'Clock P. M. viz: The W. M. and Bros Wister—Fisher—Ferrall—Smith —Hopes & Skinner.

A letter from Lodge No 9 was read Informing that a certain Hugh Smith—was balloted for and found unworthy.

On Motion a Committe was appointed to purchase Aprons, knives and forks, plates etc for the Lodge and to order necessary repairs.

June (n. d.), 1782.—Extra Lodge opened in due form.

Present Bro Chas Young W. M., Seven members, and five Visitors.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened when William Shotwell was balloted for approved and entered. Mess. Geary—Maybray and Wayman having a dispensation from the W. D. G. Master—were balloted for and approved.

Extra Lodge then adjourned to thursday Evening next at 5 O Clock to comply with said dispensations

July 25, 1782.—Adjourned extra Lodge opened.

Present—Chas. Young W. M.—ten members—Twelve Visitors

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened when Edw.

Wayman Thos Maybray and Eneas Geary were entered. E. A. Closed F. C. opened—when Bros Wayman and Shotwell were passed to F. C. A Masters Lodge then opened when Bro Weyman was raised to the Sublime degree.

July 23d 1782

Lodge number 2	Dr to
Martin Inginz	
For a Mallet	2—0
" 3 Sockets	4—6
one piece of Brass	1—6
one Brass Socket	1—6
for cleaning and mending and painting 8 candle sticks	£ 3—0—0
" 2 Culums	8—0
" mending the Arch and Drawer and gluing some pieces	6—0
" cleaning the rooms	6—0
	£ 4—9—6

July 31, 1782.—Extra Lodge opened—Present. Bros. Rutherford D. G. M.—Chas Young W. M. Thos. Proctor P. M and Sixteen members. five Visitors

Transactions.—A dispensation being read in favor of Mr Gifford Dally, who was balloted for, approved and entered. The dues of the night were then paid to the Treasurer for refreshment—a F. C. Lodge was then opened when Bro Eneas Geary was passed to the degree of a F. C. Lodge closed in good Harmony.

August 14, 1782.—Stated Lodge opened. Present. Bro Charles Young W. M. twelve members, and Eight Visitors:—Bros. Adcock—Ord—Summons—Hamilton—Gilchrist—Oswald—Whitehead and Wool.—

Transactions.—A F. C. Lodge opened when Bros Peter Stephen Duponceau & Gifford Dally were passed to the degree of F. C.

The Transactions of the Grand Lodge was then read, when the W. M. requested that a committe should be appointed to receive a Subscription from the Brethren to defray the Ground rent of this Lodge House, to be passed to their respective credits, if the former funds were found sufficient, for that purpose—

Committe:—Bros Wister—Abm. Roberts & Wm Fisher jun.

The Committe appointed Last stated lodge night were reappointed for settling the old accounts of this Lodge.

The Customary Lecture was despensed with. Bro Duponceau paid 10 Shillings being the remainder of his fees.

Friday, August 16, 1782.—Extra Lodge opened in due form—Present—Bro Chas. Young, W M—Twelve Members, and Twelve Visitors.

Transactions.—A. M. M. Lodge opened when Bro Gifford Dally was raised to the Sublime degree of Masonry.

September 10, 1782.—Stated Lodge opened in due form.—Present Bro Chas. Young W. M. Seven Members and three Visitors

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened—a petition

from Wm Guise was presented by Bro Erdman—also a Dispensation in favor of Capt Wm Keeler

Petitions from Henry Peircy and James Hartly were also received, recomended by Bro Rutherford and Weyman. Referred to Bros Wm Fisher and P. Ferral.

Ordered to lay on the books owing to the indisposition of the Tyler the brethren were not properly notified.

Thursday, September 12, 1782.—Adjourned Lodge —Present Bro Chas. Young W. M. Eight Members, and one Visitor.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened when Capt Wm Keeler was balloted for, approved and Entered

Mr David Hamilton (a Modern Mason) by dispensation, was balloted for, approved and entered.

A petition was handed by Bro Wm Shirtliff in favor of David Shoemaker with a deposite of one Dollar—ordered to lie on the Books.

Tuesday October 8, 1782.—Lodge opened in due form—Present Bros Chas. Young W. M.—Geo Hopes —Weyman—D Hamilton—Visitor G. Hamilton.

Transactions.—Owing to its being the day of Election for Representatives in the Assembly—this Lodge was adjourned to Thursday Evening next at 6 O'Clock—

Thursday, October 10, 1782.—Adjourned Lodge opened in due form. Present Bro Chas Young W. M. ten Members, and Seven Visiting Brethren.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened, when William Guise Henry Peircy & James Hartley were balloted for & found worthy.—On motion of the W. M. a ballot was taken on David Shoemaker, there being one dissenting vote it was deferred to a future day.

Lodge closed, F. C. opened, when Bros David Hamilton and William Keeler were passed to F. C.

Lodge closed, M. M. opened when Bro D. Hamilton was raised.

An application being made by Bro Joseph Howell of Lodge N° 13 to purchase three of our Candlesticks for said Lodge—was granted and Bro Jugier appointed to value the same and report to this Lodge.—

Thursday, October 31, 1782.—Extra Lodge in due form. Present Bro Charles Young W. M., Eight Members and five Visitors.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened, when Mr James Hartley was balloted for, approved and Entered.

Four dispensations were then read in favor of Mess. Thomas White, William Thompson, James Carpenter and James Johnson formerly a Modern. they were balloted for, approved and Entered.—Bro Johnson paid £ 3—5—0 in full for his initiation Bros White, Hartley and Carpenter paid £ 6—10—0 each in full for theirs.

November 12, 1782. — Stated Lodge. Members Present

Bro Chas Young W. M.	Bro James McLean
" Rich. Wister S W	" Edw Evans
" John Leamy	" John Jowis
" Edw. Duff	" Steph. Shewell jr
" Chr. Erdman	" Lieut White
" Henry Peircey	" James Johnston
" Wm Keeler	" McElhatton
" Edw Weyman	" Isaac Melcher

Visiting Brethren

Bro Joseph Howell	Bro Geo C. Jenkins
" Ptk Duffy	" Saml Shober
" J. Humphrey	" Robt. Weyman
" Chas Darrach	" Saml Nichols.
" Wm Alrichs	" M. Whitehead
" J. Stafford	" Robert Cox
" A Boyle	" J. S. Howell

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge closed and a Crafts Lodge opened when Bros Johnston—Peircey—White and Hartley were passed to the degree of F. C. An E. A. lecture was given by the W. M. And the officers of the Lodge were authorized to change the night of meeting, and it was accordingly changed to the second Monday of every Month.

November 15, 1782.—Extra Lodge in due form—Present Bro Chas. Young W. M. Seven Brethren and Eleven Visitors.

Transactions.—A M. M. Lodge opened when Bros Wm Keeler Henry Peircey and Thos. White were raised to the sublime degree of M. M.

November 13 [sic], 1782.—Extra Lodge opened in due form Present, Bro Richard Wister Master P. T.—Eleven Members and Eight Visitors.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened, when Henry

RICHARD WISTAR, W. M. LODGE, No. 2.

BORN PHILADELPHIA JULY 20, 1756; DIED JUNE 6, 1821.

Guize was balloted for, approved and entered, returned thanks and paid £ 6—10—0 in full for his initiation fees.

December 9, 1782.—Stated Lodge opened in Due form. Present Bro. Jac. Bankson in the Chair—Wister, S. W.—Weyman, J. W. pt Rutherford—Peircey—McCartney—Guize—Erdman—Melchior — Hartley—Hopes. Visiting Brethren—Bros Hand—Marshall—Robt. Weyman—Shober and Hunter (1st time)

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge Opened, when petitions were read from Wm Milnor and Isaac Pennington, recommended by Bro Bankson—ordered to lay on the Books and referred to Bros Wister and Melcher.

This being the stated night preceeding St John's, the following Brethren were duly elected, officers for the Coming six Months, Viz Bro Richard Wister W. M. Bro Abrm. Roberts Senior and Bro Wm Fisher Junior Wardens.—Bro Patk Farrel, Treasurer, Bro Hopes Secretary. Bro Jere^n^ Fisher Sen. and Bro Hartley Jun Deacons. This Lodge closed and a Masters opened when Bro James Hartley was raised to the degree of a M. M.

December 27, 1782.—St John's Day.—

Bro A. Rutherford D. G. M. in the Chair		*Visiting Brethren*
" Wister	S. W.	Bro Adcock
" McLean		" Ord
" McEllhatton		" Bernard
" Hopes		" Simmons
" Young		

A Master Masons Lodge opened in due form when the following Brethren were installed, according to ancient form viz—Bro. Richard Wister Master—Bro A Roberts Senior, and Bro Wm Fisher Junior Wardens and Bro Patt Ferrall, Treasurer

Closed in good Harmony.

January 13, 1783.—Stated Lodge.—Opened in due form. Present Bro Richard Wister W. M.—thirteen Members, and Eleven Visitors.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened Bros Wm Milner and Isaac Pennington were balloted for and found worthy. A petition was read in favor of Capt John Erwin, recomended by Bros Proctor and Young, with a dispensation from the R. W. D. G. Master being duly balloted for was approved.—Two petitions were then read in favor of Mr White Matlack and Nathan Twining recomended by Bros Poctor and Young—ordered to lie on the Books—Committe Farral, Roberts and Hopes.

Bros. Milnor and Pennington were entered.

A Committe from Lodge No 4 waited on this Lodge with a requisition from their body, praying that they might be admitted to the use of this Lodge room, their own being for many reasons inconvenient to meet in, when the sense of the Lodge being taken by Ballot it was given in the Affirmative, provided their meetings would not interfere with the Meetings of this Lodge and No 13.

Received of Bro Milnor and Pennington £ 6—10—0

Each in full for their initiation fees, and also paid thirty shillings for the expenses of the night.

LETTER FROM WM. ROGERS, GRAND CHAPLAIN.

PHILADA Jany 1—1783

Dear Sir

The Bearer hereof Mrs Ann Tatnall is a person with whom I am well acquainted, She is a Widow Woman with an Orphan Grand Child to support & stands in great need from her destitute Situation of any help the Charitable see fit to Bestow. Hearing of the Collection made by *our Fraternity* on Saturday, she has applyed to me for a Note to you in her Favor—

From, D^r S^r., y^rs. affectionately

W^m. ROGERS

WILLIAM ADCOCK Esqr.

R. W. G. M.

January 29, 1783.—Extra Lodge opened in due form Present Bro Wistar W. M. thirteen Members and Seven Visitors.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened, when a dispensation was read in favor of Robert Adams a Clandestine Mason and Peter Dow, his business not permitting him to remain the usual time for initiation. Thy were balloted for, approved and entered. A F. C. Lodge opened, when Bro Adams was passed a Fellow Craft.

January 31, 1783.—Extra Lodge, opened in due form—Present Bro Rich. Wister W. M. seventeen Members,—Eight Visitors.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened and closed.

A F. C. Opened, when Bro Milnor, Pennington and Dow were passed to degrees of F. C. This Lodge Closed and a Masters opened, when Bros. Robert Adams, and Peter Dow were raised to the sublime degree.

Monday, February 10, 1783.—Stated Lodge opened —Present Bro Rich. Wister in the Chair. Twenty Members—Twelve Visiting Brethren.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened, when Bro Irvin was balloted for, approved and Entered.

Three Petitions were then read from Caspar Wister, Abrm. Shoemaker and Aaron Musgrove, ordered to lie on the books, and Bros Roberts and Keeler to examine into their characters.

Committe report on Mess White Matlack and Nathanial Twining being favorable, they were balloted for and approved.

A Memorial from Bro. Thos. Eddison of Lodge N° 3 was read praying relief from the different Lodges in this City.

A Committe from Lodges No 3,—4—9 and 13 waited on this Lodge in order to consult on the necessity of raising the Lodge dues, from 1 shilling to a quarter of a Dollar, as the former sum was found inadequate to the Charitable purposes intended—Bros Keeler,—Hopes and Ferrall were appointed a Committe for that purpose. A M. M. Lodge opened when Bros. Milnor and Pennington were raised to the degree of M. M.

February 11, 1783.—Extra Lodge opened—Present —Bro Rich. Wister W. M.—Seven Members—Two Visiting brethren.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened, when White Matlack was initiated into the first step of Masonry.

February 14, 1783.—Extra Lodge opened—Present, Bro. Rich Wister W. M. Sixteen members—seven visitors.—

Transactions.—An A. E. Lodge opened—The committe appointed to collect the arrearages of the Lodge dues—are hereby Continued and are impowered by this Lodge to call and settle with the different Brethren and report at the next meeting—Lodge closed and a Masters Lodge opened, when Bros. Wm Shirtliff and Eneas Geary were raised to the sublime degree.

March 10, 1783.—Stated Lodge—Opened in due form.

Present—Bro Weyman in the chair pro. tem. Bro Roberts S. W.—Keeler J. W. p. t.—Ferral—Hopes — Rutherford — Erdman—Pennington—Irvine —Guize — Milner — Connor—Shotwell Fisher—McCartney — Shirtliff. — Visiting Brethren, Shober Howell—Kendell—for first time Bros Cariol—Willis Vernon—Jenkins.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened when Caspar Wister, was balloted for and approved—as was Mr Nathaniel Twining who was also entered

Mr Aaron Musgrave, being reported by the committe to be under age, was referred to a future day.

Abraham Shoemaker was then balloted for and Blackballed by two members.

A Complaint from Bro Mathews of Lodge No 9 against Bro Harman Cowster was referred to our Next Meeting.

A petition was read from John Frankford, recomended by Bros Ferral and Hopes—referred to Bros. Roberts and Wm Fisher

Lodge closed, and Masters Lodge opened when Bro Shotwell was raised to the degree of a Master Mason.

The Treasurer paid to Bro Milnor £ 2—8—3. in full for bill for refreshment.

March 15, 1783.—Adjourned Lodge—opened in due form. Present Bro Rich. Wister Master—ten Brethren—five visitors.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened, when, The Committe from the several Lodges appointed to raise the Lodge dues, having met and brought their proceedings before this Lodge, it was read and debated by Paragraphs and agreed to.

Bros. Proctor—Roberts and Ferral are appointed a committe from this Lodge for the purpose—The Proceedings are as follows:—

The Committee from the several Lodges of Ancient Masons in the City of Philadelphia, appointed to Consider and point out proper means to relieve indigent and distress'd Masons, having taken the business committed to them into their serious consideration beg leave to report their opinion, which is as follows. . . .[4]

That the sums now paid by each Brother to his respective Lodge as monthly dues are inadequate for the purpose of a Charity fund, as the contingent expenses of the Lodges are also defrayed therefrom:

That a new fund ought to be established, to be a common stock of the whole Masonic body of this City, which new fund ought to be for the purpose of relieving the distressed part of our Brethren and for no other:

That in order to create this new fund the monthly dues or fees, of one shilling heretofore paid by each brother to his respective Lodge ought to be increased to one shilling and ten pence half penny:

That there ought to be a standing committee from each Lodge in the City of Philadelphia to be stiled "the committee for the relief of distressed and indigent Masons," to whom the Treasurer of each respective Lodge should on the first Monday of every month pay over ten pence half penny, out of every one shilling and ten pence half penny, the said Treasurers respectively shall have received for Lodge dues in the preceding month.

That the said committee ought to be chosen by each Lodge in such manner and at such times as the several Lodges respectively may from time to time see fit and necessary: but that there ought not to be more than three members from each Lodge on the said committee.

That each Lodge represented in the said committee ought to have controul over the members representing them in the same; and the said members ought to vote by Lodge and not otherways, and that any one member may have the votes

[4] This was the first organized effort made, so far as known, in the United States for the "relief of distressed and indigent Free Masons."

entered on the minutes of their proceedings without any question.

That the said committee ought to have power in all things touching the business assigned them, where these regulations are silent, to regulate their own proceedings, and appoint such officers as they may deem proper; provided that none shall be appointed who are not members of the said committee.

That the said committee ought to keep fair Minutes of all their proceedings, and make report thereof to their respective Lodges on their convention next before the feast of St. John, and oftener if required.

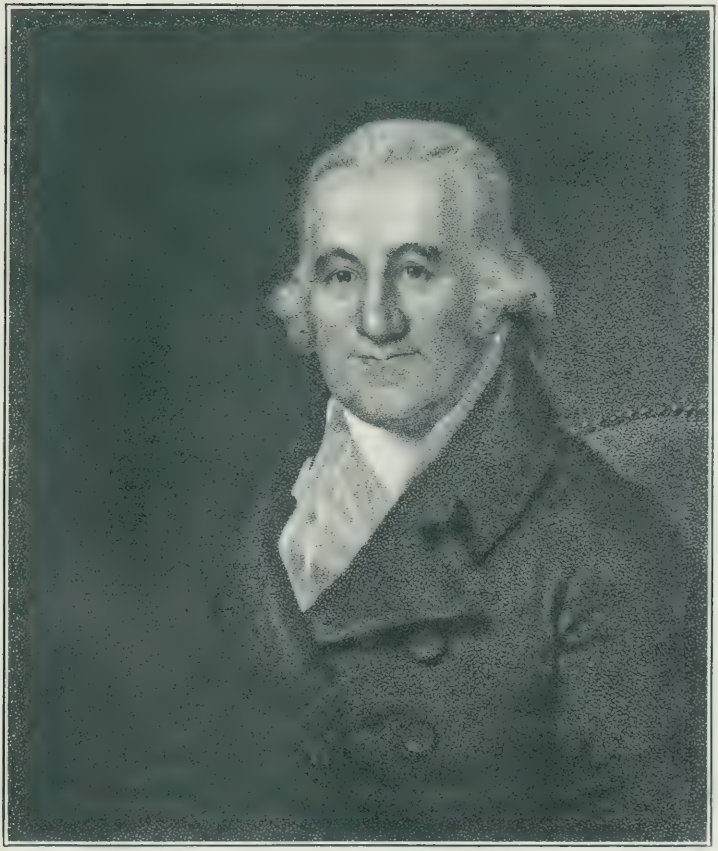
That the several Lodges of which the said committee is to be composed ought immediately to pass such Laws as will be best, bring the foregoing into effect: and that they ought to be particularly attentive to the collection of the Lodge dues, upon which as your present committee humbly conceive will depend altogether the success of the benevolent intentions of the respective Lodges to whom they have the honor to offer this report.

Signed by a Committee from Lodges N°. 2, 3, 4, 9 & 13 in this City.

Petitions were read from Thomas Mewse and Frederick Rheinwald (a Modern Mason) Referred to Bros Hartley and Pennington—E. A. Lodge Closed F. C. opened when John Irwin was passed to that degree.

April 5, 1783.—Extra Lodge Opened in due form. Present Bro Rich. Wister W. M.—Twelve members and four Visitors.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened, when Caspar Wister was balloted for, approved and entered. Lodge closed and a F. C. opened when Bro White



CASPAR WISTAR, M. D.

BORN PHILADELPHIA, SEPTEMBER 13, 1761; DIED JUNE 6, 1818.

Matlock was passed to F. C. gave thanks and paid £ 6—10—0 in full for his initiation fees.

April 8, 1783.—Extra Lodge—opened in due form—Present Bro Rich. Wister—Nine Members and two Visitors.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened and closed. —A F. C. opened when Bros. Henry Guise and Caspar Wister were passed to the degree of F. C.

April 14, 1783.—Stated Lodge opened in due form. Present Bro Jacob Bankson Master p. t.—thirteen Members and Seven Visitors.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge open'd when after a re-examination into the cause of Mr Abram Shoemaker, being blackballed last stated Lodge night the W. M. ordered a committe to wait on Bro Rutherford to know his reasons why he could not be admitted to the fraternity, and to request Bro. Rutherford to attend for the purpose next Stated Lodge night, the following brethren were appointed viz:—Bros Young,—Houston and Hopes.

Mess. John Frankford and Thomas Mewse were balloted for, and approved—when Mr. Mewse was entered. Lodge closed and Masters opened when Bros. John Irwine White Matlack—Henry Guise and Caspar Wister were raised to that sublime degree.

May 12, 1783.—Stated Lodge, Opened in due form Present members

Bro R. Wister	W. M.	Bro Pennington
" Roberts	S. W	" McCulloch

Bro Erdman	J W	Bro Irwine
" Melchior		" C Wister
" Rutherford		" Ferrall
" Fisher		" Hopes
" Baker		" Matlack
" Milnor		" J. Rice
" Skinner		" Geize

Visiting Brethren

Bro Adcock	Bro S. Shober
" Howell	" Timmons
" Coats	" Jos. Howell
" Schaffer	" Sellers

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened.—The Investigation of Mr Abram Shoemakers Character being found contrary to the spirit of our Bye-Laws was dispensed with.

Mr Frederick Rheinwalt, balloted for and approved.

A complaint being lodged by Bro Adam Melchor against Bro G. A. Baker, the sense of the Lodge being taken thereon. Bros Houston—Erdman—Fisher and Roberts were appointed a Committe to examine into the same, and report next Stated Lodge night.

June 9, 1783.—Stated Lodge—opened in due form. Present Bro Young—Master p. t. fourteen members, Seven Visitors: viz Bros Vanost and Bros—Collier—White—Martin—Wilkin Houston—Delaplaine, all Six for first time. and a Committe from Lodge No 4 Bros—Shober, sen.—Jennings—and Shober jr.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened, when the Committe from Lodge No 4 informed them that

Joseph Hawke and John Erdman Smith had been black balled in their Lodge.

This being the stated night preceeding the festival of St John the Baptist following brethren being duly balloted for, were appointed officers for the ensuing six Months: viz:

Bro Thomas Proctor Master
" Charles Erdman Senior Warden
" George Hopes Junior Warden
" Ferrall on a request from the Chair was re-appointed Treasurer
" John Leamey appointed, Secretary

The Multiplicity of Complaints of a most singular Nature lodged at several times against Harman Courter, late a member of this Lodge being taken into Consideration, after some debate it was unanimously agreed. he should be expell'd the Body as by his general character & behaviour, he was found even unworthy of a special summons as Customary, he was accordingly expelled & his name erased from the Books of the Lodge, the secretary is ordered to give notice of the same to the Grand Lodge, and the different Lodges in this City.

June 11, 1783.—Extra Lodge—opened in due form. Present Bro Proctor master p. t.—Nine members—Eight Visitors

Transactions.—A F. C. Lodge opened when Thomas Meuse was passed to degree of F. C. Lodge Closed,

and Masters lodge opened. when Bro Meuse aforesaid was raised to the Sublime degree.—Adjourned to Friday next at 7 O'Clock in the evening—each member to have notice of same.

June 13, 1783.—Extra Lodge Open'd in due form

Present—Bro Wister W. M. fourteen members—ten Visitors

The following application was presented by Rev. Bro. Wm. Smith, D.D.:

PHILAD'A June 6, 1783

Dear Brother Wistar—

The Bearers hereof Cols. Doherty, Espie & Hoffnagle are desirous of being initiated into the Fraternity of free-Masons. They are unexceptionable Characters, men of public Rank & Credit in the Counties of Bedford & Westmoreland, and will be of great Use in preventing the Progress of *Clandestine Masonry*, & promoting the true Craft & Art according to the ancient Rules & Practice. Mr. Huffnagle will give you some Reasons why they should be speedily made, & their Residing at a great Distance requires it.

I am desirous they should be initiated & proceed from our Lodge No. 2 & do heartily recommend it to you as a Master to call a special Lodge, & to stand Godfather for them in my Name, as I am on my way to New York & shall not return till Wednesday next. I have spoken to Brothers Rutherford & Proctor. The last, viz. Brother Proctor is acquainted with them. Yours &c

WILLIAM SMITH

An Application having been made by Cols. Dougherty, Espie & Haffnagle to becom Ancient Masons, and their stay in this City will not permit their laying the accustomed time

on the books and they being warmly recommended as men of Note both in Publick & private life, I am induced to solicit for a dispensation for their being made to-morrow Evening, as believing that it will give the Craft weight and influence in the frontier Counties of the State.

I am Sr. your friend

RICHARD WISTAR, *Master No. 2*

Right Worshipful Grand Master.

June 11, 1783.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened when three dispensations were read, granted by the R. W. G. Master in favor of Col John Dougherty—Col David Espie and Col Huffnagle who being duly balloted for, were approved and Initiated.

This Lodge then Closed and a F. C. Lodge opened, when the said three Brothers were passed to the degree of F. C.

Received from Each of the above £ 6—10—0—
Total £ 19—10.—

June 14, 1783.—Extra Lodge—opened in due form.

Present—Bro Proctor Master—ten Members,—Nine Visitors

Transactions.—A Masters Lodge being duly opened when Bros Dougherty—Espie & Huffnagle were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons.

Tuesday, St. John's Day, June 24, 1783.—A. M. 5783.

Present

Bro Proctor,	W. M.	*Visitors*
" Roberts,	S. W.	R. W. Grand Master

Bro Ferrall,	J. W. p t	Bro Ord	Pm.	No	3
" Milnor,	S. D.	" Service	Mr	No	9
" Pennington	J. D	" Reid		No	3
" Rutherford		" Mathews	P M	No	9
" Proctor		" Hamilton	W. M.	No	3
" Wyley		" Christie		"	29
" McLean		" Tilton		"	3
" Young		" Copeland		"	9
		" Culbertson		"	0
		" Stafford		"	0
		" Whitehead	P M	"	0

Transactions.—Lodge opened in due form—This being St John's day, agreeable to the By-Laws, the Lodge proceeded to Install the officers chosen for the ensuing 6 months, when Bro Proctor, was installed and saluted by the Brethren

Bro Charles Erdman, Senior Warden—Bro. Geo. Hopes, Junior Warden, Bro Pattk Ferrall reappointed Treasurer and Bro. John Leamy as Secretary.

July 14, 1783.—Stated Lodge, opened in due form —Present Bro Proctor, W. M.—Wister, S. W. p. t—Hopes, J. W.—Milnor, S. D. Pennington J. D.—Ferrall, Treas—Leamy, Sec'y.—Seven Members, and Twelve—Visitors.

Transactions.—By-Laws read and debated,—no inovation except, that summons should be sent to every member of this Lodge in the City without any exception.

A petition was read in favor of John Sydenham Crapper, Referred to Bros. Ferrall and Roberts.

July 22, 1783.—Extra Lodge—Opened in due form. Present Bro. Proctor W. M. Seven members—Ten

Visitors, among whom were Bros Hamilton, W. M. of No 3 and Service, W. M. of No 9.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened, when a despensation from the R. W. Grand Master was read, in favor of Col Moses Rawlings, balloted for, approved and entered.

A. E. Lodge Closed F. C. opened when Bro. Rawlings was passed to the degree of a F. C. and gave thanks.—

August 11, 1783.—Stated Lodge, opened in due form.

Present—Bro. Rutherford in the Chair.—Twelve members nineteen Visitors.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened, when a petition was read from Mrs. Catharine Dean, widow of our late Bro John Dean, praying the assistance of this Lodge to enable her to enter into business for the support of herself and Infant—Ordered that the Treasurer pay Mrs Dean ye Sum of Six pounds.

Mr John Frankford, balloted for, approved, and Entered John Sydenham Crapper was then ballotted for and black balled by five members.

On application of John Dusseron, a well recomended brother,—for the sum of 34½ Dollars, for which he offers a Commissary's Note, Signed Benj. Stelle, for 69 Dollars; Ordered that the Treasurer receive the Note and pay to Bro Dusseron the said 34½ Dollars.

September 8, 1783.—Stated Lodge—opened in due form

Present—Bro Erdman, S. W. in the Chair, nine members, and Seven, Visitors.—

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened,—Bro William von Wörn having been regularly examined, and found to be an Ancient Mason, was on his request admitted a Member of this Lodge. Dues were received to the amount of £ 19—4—6

October 13, 1783.—Stated Lodge—Opened in due form.—

Present—Proctor. W. M. twelve members, and Seventeen visitors

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened, when petition were received from Jacob Gerrard Koch, William Parker, and Capt Robert Chambers,

Bros Wister & Erdman appointed a Committe on Mr Koch

" McElhatton & Reeves appointed a Committe on Mr Parker

" Erdman & Carson appointed a Committe on Capt Chambers.

" Benj. Nones and John Parrish were at their request admitted as members of this Lodge.

November 10, 1783.—Stated Lodge—present—Bro Proctor, W. M—ten members, Eight visitors.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened. Mr Jacob. G. Koch, was balloted for, approved—Petitions were received from Isiah Bush and Venables Bond—ordered to ly on the Books.

By Virtue of a dispensation from the R W. G M,

the Chevalier Longchamps, a Modern Mason was balloted for, approved and Entered—A F. C. Lodge being opened he was passed to F. C.—A Masters Lodge being opened he was raised to the Sublime degree of a M. M., his being to leave the City in a few days making it proper to favor him with this expeditious advancement.

Ordered that a Master Masons Lodge be held here on Friday evenings for the purpose of improvement in the Craft.—

Received Nov 15 1783 from Pat^k Ferrall two pounds seven shillings for one Cord of wood Hawling & Sawing & one shilling and ten pence halfpenny for Sweeping Chimneys.

WILLIAM BECK

December 8, 1783.—Stated Lodge—Present—Proctor Master—Erdman S. W—Bros. Rutherford—Dougherty Erpy — Milnor — Nones — Von Worn — Bartram—Ferrall — Pennington — Roberts—Hartley Erwine—Fisher—Tilyer Evans.—Visiting Brethren—S. Bush[5]—S. Nathan[6]—Da Costa—Anderson—Way—Jennings—S. Shober—Ritchie—McCullam—Schivelay Jas. Lee jr.—Purcell—Derragh—Boyd—Temple.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened in due form. when Mr. Isaiah Bush was balloted for and approved. Mr Bush and J. G. Koch were then initiated.

This being the stated Lodge preceeding St John's

[5] Solomon Bush, Deputy Grand Inspector for Pennsylvania, Lodge of Perfection.

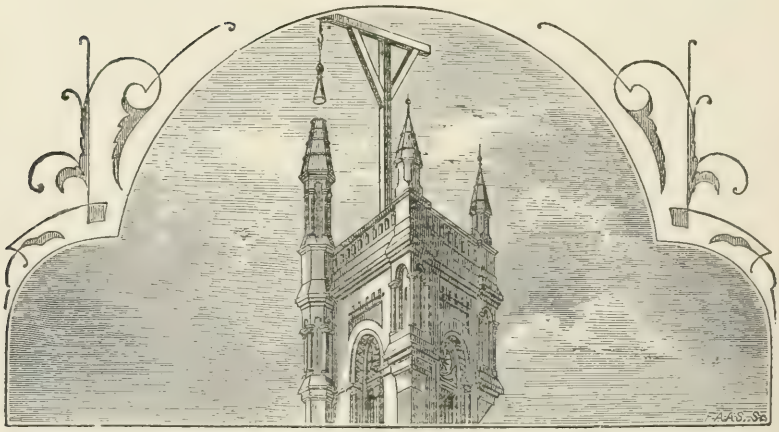
[6] Deputy Grand Inspector for North Carolina.

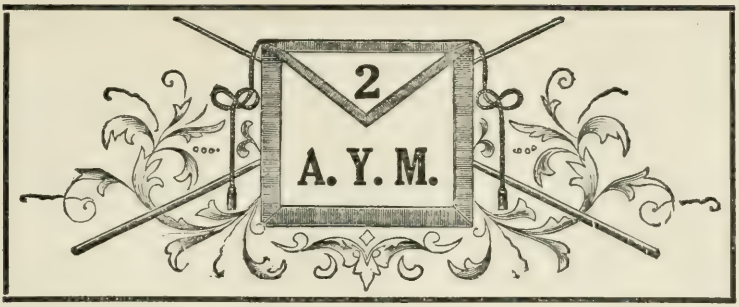
Day the following Brethren were chosen officers, viz: —Ferrall, Master—Erdman, Sen. Warden—Milnor, Jun. Warden and Jere. Fisher Treas.

Ordered that the officers elect, be a committe to confer with the different Lodges of this city respecting the propriety of having a charity sermon on St. John's Day.

Bill for Music on St John's Day Dec 27—1783 furnished by William Hartung

1 Trumpet		£ 1— 2—6
2 Horns	@ 15/	1—10—0
2 Basoons	@ 15/	1—10—0
3 Clarinets	@ 15/	2— 5—0
Total		£ 6— 7—6





CHAPTER XV.

The Dawn of Peace and Prosperity, 1784–1785.

ON January 14, 1784, the Treaty of Peace was finally ratified by the Executive Council of Pennsylvania.[1] This act was to be officially celebrated on the twenty-second of January, but owing to the destruction of the triumphal arch and transparencies it was not done until the tenth of May following, when the official celebration and illumination took place. At noon the High Sheriff of the County of Philadelphia, Bro. Thomas Proctor, a Past Master of Lodge No. 2, attended by the proper officers, made public proclamation of the

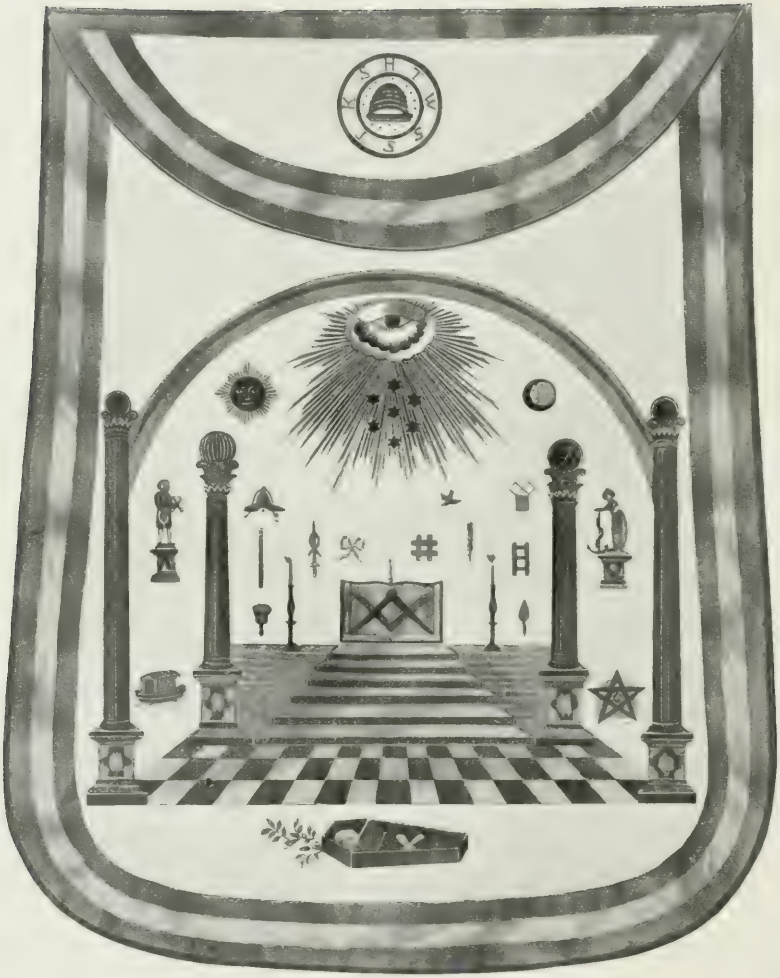
[1] The first American flag displayed in the Thames, at London, after the peace of 1783, was on board the ship *William Penn,* Captain James Josiah, commander, who was a member of Lodge No. 2 of Philadelphia. His widow being present, she there saw the indignation of the populace at the spectacle. They saw such excitement among the people that they so far feared a mobbing as to have had to keep up a vigilant watch, and, especially at night, to guard against any violence. Mrs. Josiah, when one lady expressed her offence at seeing the flag and her wonder at their presumption at displaying it, said: "We win gold and wear it."—Watson's "Annals of Philadelphia," Vol. II. (1844), p. 333.

definite Treaty of Peace concluded between America and Great Britain. This proclamation was signed by Bro. John Dickinson, president of the Executive Council and member of Lodge No. 18, at Dover, Delaware.

The general illumination of the city and the Grand Transparencies bearing Masonic and patriotic emblems took place upon the same evening, which happened to be the stated meeting of the Lodge, and according to the minutes, upon above account was "adjourned until the following Thursday."

Another important event of the year was the arrival of Bro. Lafayette in Philadelphia, August 9, 1784, upon his way to Mount Vernon to visit Bro. George Washington, and present him with the Masonic apron, which the Marquise de Lafayette had embroidered for her husband's former commander, and is now treasured in the Museum of the Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of Pennsylvania. Upon the evening of Lafayette's arrival in Philadelphia a stated meeting of Lodge No. 2 was held, but it does not appear that any official notice was taken by the Brethren of the Craft nor by the Grand Lodge, of the presence of our illustrious brother in the city.

Upon the afternoon of August 9, Bro. Lafayette arrived here from New York. He was met at or above Frankford by a large body of citizens and soldiers who escorted him to the city, where an impromptu reception was tendered him at the Coffee



WASHINGTON'S MASONIC APRON.

IN THE MUSEUM OF THE GRAND LODGE F. & A. M. OF PENNSYLVANIA. EMBROIDERED BY MADAME LAFAYETTE AND PRESENTED BY GENERAL LAFAYETTE, AUGUST, 1784.

House at the southwest corner of Front and Market Street, then kept by Bro. Eleazer Oswald. In the evening he was greeted with a grand illumination of the city.

Bro. Lafayette remained in Philadelphia until August 14, when he took leave of his friends and left with his precious gift for Mount Vernon. He remained at the home of Washington until the end of August, and on the first of September we again learn of his presence in Philadelphia.

During Bro. Lafayette's sojourn in Philadelphia Bro. John Parke, a local poet and member of Lodge No. 2, composed and published the following extempore ode on the arrival of Bro. Lafayette:

> The irrecovable decree is past
> And high Olympus trembles at the blast,
> Which Fame triumphant bears;
> Thou'rt free *America!* the Heavens resound
> Nations rejoicing catch the swelling sound.
> Thou'rt free—stern Britian hears
> A *Prince* to human kind and Friend,
> to cause Tyranies sway to end.
> To Lafayette did say:
> Go, glory in that envied name,
> "A pasport thro' the gates of Fame,"
> *A Soldier of America.*

Another interesting historical event of the year 1784 was the preaching of a charity sermon by Rev. William White in Christ Church on St. John's Day,

December 27, 1784, before the R. W. Grand Lodge, upon which occasion Rev. Dr. White, who was not a Freemason, walked with the Brethren in procession from the Lodge House to the Church. This sermon was afterwards printed by Hall and Sellers, a copy of which is in the Grand Lodge Library.[2]

The political and social record of the year 1785 is mainly of that uneventful character which usually accompanies the peaceful development of industries and trade. Masonically we have several events of interesting import. The first was a determined effort made to raise funds for the purchase of the Freemason's Lodge in Lodge Alley or else the purchase or building of another for the sole use of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges. How Lodge No. 2 responded to this appeal is shown by the old subscription list which is still extant in our Archives. How all efforts made to secure the old Lodge House dedicated in 1755 failed is also a matter of Masonic history.

[2] *Grand Lodge, State of Pennsylvania, December 28, 1784.* At an annual Communication of the *R. W. Grand Master,* and other *Grand Officers* of the *Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons,* and the other *Officers* of the several *Lodges* under their jurisdiction,

Unanimously Resolved, That the Thanks of this Society be given to the Reverend *William White, D.D.* for his judicious discourse, delivered in Christ-Church, at their request, on the late Anniversary of *St. John* the Evangelist, and that he be requested to furnish a Copy for Publication.

By order of the R. W. Grand Master

JOSEPH HOWELL, *jun. G. Sec'ry.*

One of the interesting events of the year 1785 was the "Consecration of the Sublime Lodge of Perfection." This was made an event of considerable ceremony which included a public Masonic procession, the dedication of the "New Lodge" in Black Horse Alley and ended with a bibulous collation at the City Tavern where toasts were drank to Brother Washington, Franklin and the King of Prussia.

All efforts having failed, in regard to retaining the Freemason's Lodge in Lodge Alley for the uses of the Brethren, Brother Joseph Dean,[3] a member of Lodge No. 2, and later Senior Grand Warden, at an Extra Grand Lodge held October 27, 1785, offered to present a lot of ground to the Grand Lodge, provided they would build upon the same. This lot was situated

[3] Joseph Dean, son of Rev. William Dean, a Presbyterian clergyman, was born August 10, 1738, at Ballymenagh, County Antrim, Ireland. He became an importing merchant in Philadelphia, was a signer of the Non-importation Resolutions, at outset of Revolution advanced the General Government $60,000, which he lost eventually. In December, 1776, he was appointed by the Assembly, a member of Committee of Safety, and, on organization of the Board of War, a member of that body. In January, 1781, the Supreme Executive Council appointed him one of the auditors "to settle and adjust the accounts of the troops of the State, in the service of the United States," and in October following Warden of the port of Philadelphia. In 1790 he was appointed one of the Auctioneers of the city. Dean Street (now Camac) from Walnut to Lombard between 12th and 13th takes its name from him. He died September 11, 1795. He was a member of the Moravian Church and was buried in their old ground, Franklin and Vine Sts. He was married twice: *First,* Francisca McCracken, had two daughters; *second,* Hannah Boyd, had five sons and one daughter. Portrait by C. W. Peale is in possession of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

at the southwest corner of Twelfth and Walnut Street, containing 70 feet in front and a depth on Walnut Street of 124 feet. Although the situation was at that time far out of town, the Grand Lodge thankfully received the offer: viz.

"Unanimously Agreed, That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to our worthy Brother Joseph Dean, and that that R. W. D. G. Master, Brother Ball and Brother Few be appointed to wait on Brother Dean, acquaint him they will accept the same and assure him that they are perfectly sensible of his generous offer.

"Agreed, That the R. W. Grand Master, D. G. Master Br^s. Humphreys, Smith and Few be appointed Trustees to receive from Br Joseph Dean a Deed in Trust for the use of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

At the Grand Communication held on St. John's Day, December, 1785, the deed for this lot was presented to the Grand Lodge, the consideration being ten shillings and a yearly rental of one acorn to be paid on every Saint John the Evangelists Day forever, if lawfully demanded by the said Joseph Dean.

At this meeting a deed or declaration of trust was also executed to Bro. Dean in the presence of the Grand Officers.

Following is an abstract of the Deed from Bro. Joseph Dean to the Grand Lodge; as recorded February 4, 1786, at Philadelphia, in Deed Book D, No. 16, page 29.

JOESPH DEAN.

BORN, IRELAND, AUGUST [illegible] DIED PHILADELPHIA, SEPTEMBER 11, [illegible]

This Indenture made the (13th) day of (December) in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five Between Joseph Dean of the City of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania, Merchant and Hannah his wife of the one part and William Adcock, William Ball, Alexander Rutherford, Jonathan Bayard Smith, Ashton Humphreys and Joseph Few all of the City of Philadelphia. Gentlemen of the other part Witnesseth that the said Joseph Dean and Hannah his wife in consideration of the sum of ten shillings current money of Pennsylvania unto them in hand well and truly paid by the said William Adcock, et al., at and before the sealing and delivery hereof the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge and for divers other good causes and considerations them hereunto especially moving have granted, bargained sold aliened enfeoffed released and confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain sell alien enfeoff release and confirm unto the said William Adcock, et al., and to their heirs and assigns a certain lot or piece of ground situate on the south side of Walnut Street and the west side of 12th Street in the said City of Philadelphia. Containing in breadth on 12th Street, aforesaid, 70 feet and in depth on Walnut St. aforesaid 124 feet. (Bounded Northward by Walnut St., aforesaid, westward and southward by other ground of said Joseph Dean and eastward by 12th St. aforesaid.) . . . To have and to hold the said piece of ground hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned or intended so to be with the appurtenances . . . forever upon condition and to the end intent and purpose that they the said Wm Adcock et al their heirs and assigns Do and shall within the space of three (3) years from the date hereof build or cause to be erected and built upon the said lot or piece of ground hereby granted a suitable and convenient

house to be stiled and called the *Grand Lodge House of Penna.* for the accommodation of the Grand Lodge of Penna. Whereof the said William Adcock, Esq. is at present Grand Master and of the several Lodges of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons in the said state of Penna. under the Jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge and none other. Yielding and paying thereunto the said Joseph Dean his heirs and assigns the yearly rent of one acorn on every Saint John the Evangelists day in every year for ever hereafter if the same shall be lawfuly demanded and the said Joseph Dean for himself his heirs executors and administrators doth hereby covenant promise grant and agree . . . that he the said Joseph Dean his heirs and assigns shall and will upon the selling or granting of any lots or pieces of ground next adjoining to the said lot or piece of ground hereby granted to any person or persons whatsoever contract and agree to and with such person or persons not to make or open or cause to be made or opened any windows or lights in any buildings which may be erected upon such adjacent lots fronting or looking upon the said lot or piece of ground hereby granted on any side thereof. In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have interchangeably set their hands and seals hereunto the day and year first above written.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of us

William Kidde	Joseph Dean	[seal]
Seth Willis	Hannah Dean	[seal]

Efforts were made to receive subscriptions for building a house upon the lot at Twelfth and Walnut Streets, but owing to the financial depression and the distance from the city, but few subscriptions were

received. At the Grand Lodge held January 21, 1788, it was ordered

"That the several Lodges under this Jurisdiction who have appointed Committees to receive Subscriptions for Building a House upon the Lot of Ground in this City, given by Brother Joseph Dean, return to the Grand L. at their next quarterly Comm^n^. an account of what monies have been received for that purpose, or what Subscriptions have been made, and the Sec^y^ is desired to give them notice thereof. Ordered further, that Brothers Williams and Few, who are appointed a Committee for that purpose, furnish a plan for the Building at the next quarterly Communication with the expense thereof."

At the communication June 16, 1788, it was ordered

"That a Committe be appointed to devise Measures for erecting a Building on the Lot of Ground given by Bro. Dean."

No report seems to have been made by this committee. In the meantime Bro. Dean fell into financial difficulty and became a bankrupt, and the commissioners seized this lot, as the conditions of the deed had not been complied with, although it is believed that a temporary structure was erected upon the lot. On November 10, 1791, the Commissioners of Bankruptcy sold the lot to John R. Smith, viz (recorded in Deed Book I C, No. 1, page 236):

"The conditions expressed in the deed to William Adcock etal not having been complied therewith and doubts having

arisen respecting the validity of the said conveyance in consequence wherof the said John Wharton etal at public Auction or vendue had at the Merchants Coffee House in the said City of Philadelphia on the 24th day of August, 1791, sold the lot or peice of ground to John R. Smith."

In the following year, 1792, the Grand Lodge recovered the lot for four pounds five shillings, without any conditions. Following is the record:

Feby. 5, 1792.
John R. Smith
to
Jonathan Bayard Smith, etal.
Recorded in Deed Book I C, Nº 1, page 238.
Declaration of Trust.
Jonathan Bayard Smith, etal.
Dated June 25, 1792.
Recorded in Deed Book I C, No. 1, page 239.

Bro. Joseph Dean died September 11, 1795, leaving his widow in financial straits. Some years later her situation was brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge.

At the Communication held March 4, 1799:

"A Motion was made by the R. W. G. Master, and Seconded, That the Income of the Lot of Ground, presented to this Grand Lodge by our late Brorr Joseph Dean, should be vested in Bro Dean's Widow during the Term of her Natural Life, and on the question being taken, it was unanimously agreed to, and the R. W. G. M., the R. W. D. G. M. and Brorr Samuel Israel were appointed a Committee to carry the same

into effect in such manner as shall appear to them to be most advantageous to Bro^{r} Dean's Widow, and

"On Motion, Resolved, That the Standing Committee of Charity do consider the particular situation of said Widow, and pay due respect to the same."

At the June meeting the following report was made:

"The R. W. Grand Master, (who together with the R. W. Deputy Grand Master had been appointed a Committee to present the above-mentioned sum of D$^{s.}$ 25 to Bro^{r} Deans Widow,) Reported, that the R. W. D. G. M. and himself had waited on M$^{rs.}$ Dean with the same; That she thank'd the Brethren for the attention paid to her and inform'd them that there had been a time when her situation was such that the same would have been of great service to her, but that she now found herself in better circumstances, that she had no doubt but the Brethren had many objects which stood in greater need of it than she did at present, and therefore very politely declined receiving it."

Finally when funds were needed for the new hall erected in Chestnut Street, the Legislature was petitioned for permission to sell the same, the consideration being two thousand dollars:

Jonathan Bayard Smith, Gavin Hamilton and Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, having received authority to sell a certain lot or piece of ground at the S. W. Cor. of 12th and Walnut St., under an Act of the Assembly passed the 23rd day of February, 1809 (P. L. Chap VVI p 22), sold the property to Edward Shippen Burd March 23—1809 for a Consideration

of Two Thousand Dollars.—This Conveyance is recorded at Philadelphia in Deed Book I. C. No. 1, page 240.

There was no building upon the property at the time of sale.

MINUTE BOOK OF LODGE No. 2.

January 2, 1784.—Extra Lodge—Present Bro. Proctor Master—fifteen Members, and Eight Visitors:—viz William Rodgers—H. D. Purcell—F. White—McCullam—Pugh—Craddock—Wm Jackson—Boyd.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened. in due form, and closed—Masters Lodge opened—when the following Brethren were installed according to Ancient Usage: Viz:—

Bro. Pat. Ferrall, Master
" Charles Erdman, S. W
" William Milnor J. W
" J. William Von Wörn, Secretary

The Antient Customary Congratulations then passed—Lodge Closed—an E. A. opened, when by Virtue of a Dispensation of the R. W. G. M. Mr George Darvill was balloted for, approved and entered.

A Petition from Dr. H. Martin was read, and ordered to lie on the Books.—

January 12, 1784.—Stated Lodge—Members, present The—W. M—S. W—J. W—Bros Limuel Savage—Thos Rice—Jno. Jarvis—Edw. Evans—Benj. Nones—Hartley and Isaiah Bush—Visitors, G. Hamilton—Moses Cohen—

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened in due form The W. M. laid before the Lodge an order, on the last Treasurer of this Lodge, sign'd Thos Proctor, in favor of the Grand Lodge for the sum of £ 15—0—0 as also two receipts for the payments of said sum. At same time the W. M. informed the Lodge that he thought in his opinion that Said Order & Receipts should be entered into the Minutes of the Night.—The members present were of the same Opinion, for fear they should be lost or mislaid.

PHILADELPHIA, 14 July 1783

" Please to pay Mr Charles Young Gd Treasr of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania fifteen Pounds for a sum directed by Lodge No 2. to be paid to the Grand Lodge in lieu of all arears to a certain day as is recorded in their Minutes & Oblige sir

To Br Patk Ferrall } yr Hble Servt
Treasr of Lodge N 2 } THOS PROCTOR

Receipts on the
Back of said Order

Recd July 14 1783 Twenty Dollars in Acct the within order

Chas Young Gd Treasr

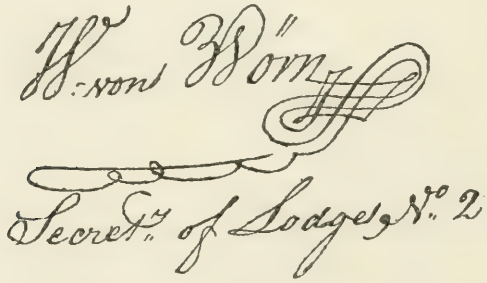
Recd 9 Augt 83 the Ballance

The Petitions of Mess John Mattw Otto—Richard Allison and Geo. Chandler, were read—and ordered to lie on the Books. Referred to Bros Hartley & Pennington Bro Moses Cohen, after being regularly

examined, was introduced as an Ancient Master-Mason—Lodge closed a F. C. opened, when Bro Isaiah Bush was passed to a F. C. Bro Erdman S. W. pray'd the indulgence of the Lodge to withdraw (his being engaged on earnest business) and with consent laid down his Jewel, for the night. Bro Milnor, J. W. fill'd his place, and Bro Pennington, by desire of the Worshipful fills that of the J. W.

February 9, 1784.—Stated Lodge—Present—Bro Pat. Ferrall W. M—Thirteen members—four visitors: —Bro S. Bush—Jas. De La Plaine—P. Wadman—Jno Lawson all 1st time.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge open'd in due form, when a letter from Lodge No 4, directed to the W. M.



was read, which was in words following "Brother, I am order'd by the W. M. of Lodge No 4 to acquaint your Body, that a certain W. A. Bowles petitioned our Lodge and was rejected by Eleven Black balls.—Jno. Henderson Sec'y. *Dec. 25, 1783.*

Petitions were received from Mess John Salsbery and Thos. Barthw Bowen—ordered to lie on the books.

Bro. Moses Cohen petitioned this Lodge to become a Member, he was unanimously accepted.

Mess. John Matt. Otto—Rich. Allison and Geo Chandler were balloted for and approved. Lodge closed, and a F. C. opened in due form, when Bro J. G. Koch was passed to a F. C. Lodge closed and a Masters Lodge opened when Bro Isaiah Bush was raised to the Sublime degree.

February 21, 1784.—Extra Lodge. Present Bro Pat. Ferrall W. M—Eleven Members—Six Visitors: —Bros Jas. De la plaine No 13—Pugh—Jno. Lawson No 4—Piersol—W. M of No 4—J. Henderson, Sec'y No 4.—McFarson.

Transactions.—An A. E. Lodge opened in due form, when Capt John Rice, approved April 9th, 1782 was Initiated.

March 8, 1784.—Stated Lodge—Opened in due form. Present—Bro Pat. Ferrall M. W. Ten Members, four Visitors.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened, when Mess. John Salsbery and Thos. Bart. Bowen were balloted for and approved. Mess. Rich. Allison, and Geo. Chandler, approved last Stated Night and John Salsbery were then initiated

A petition was received from Fredk. Wm Starman—ordered to lie on the books. Lodge closed, F. C. opened when Bros John Frankford and Geo Darvil were passed to F. C.

Ordered that the Secretary purchase six sconces

and other articles for the use of the Lodge; and deliver them to the Tyler with a strict charge to take care of them.

A. Masters Lodge opened, when Bro John Rice was raised to the Sublime Degree. Paid Bro Geise's Bill for Refreshment £ 2—14—0 Lodge closed in Harmony at 11. Oclock.

March 22, 1784.—Extra Lodge—Present Bro. Pat Ferrall W. M—thirteen Members, Jos. Howell jr Visitor.

Transactions.—an E. A. Lodge opened—A dispensation from the R. W. G. M. in favor of Solomon Etting was read, he was ballotted for, approved and entered. A Masters Lodge then opened, when Bros John Frankford and Geo Darvill were raised to the sublime degree.

March 27, 1784.—Extra Lodge—Present Bro Pat Ferrall W. M. Six members—

Transactions.—A F. C. Lodge opened, when Bro Etting was passed to F. C. A Masters Lodge opened in due form, and the aforesaid Bro. was raised to the Sublime Degree Our Brother being to leave this city in a few days, was by his desire favored with this expeditious advancement.

April 12, 1784.—Stated Lodge. Present The Worshipful P. Ferrall,—Six Members, Praise Wadman, a Visitor An E. A. Lodge opened in due form, when Bro Praise Wadman presented a petition for Member-

ST. PAUL'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

THIRD STREET BELOW WALNUT, EAST SIDE.

A

SERMON

DELIVERED IN

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,

ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1783,

THE ANNIVERSARY OF

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST;

[FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE POOR]

BY DIRECTION, AND IN THE PRESENCE OF,

THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY

OF

Free and Accepted MASONS

OF THE SEVERAL LODGES

IN

PHILADELPHIA.

BY SAMUEL MAGAW, D. D.

VICE-PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY OF

PENNSYLVANIA.

PHILADELPHIA: Printed by HALL and SELLERS.

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TITLE PAGE OF REV. DR. MAGAW'S SERMON. ORIGINAL IN GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

To His Excellency
The Chevalier de LUZERNE,
Minister Plenipotentiary
from the Court of FRANCE
to the United States of AMERICA;
a Representative
of the most illustrious Monarch,
a Citizen
of the most accomplished Nation,
and resident
among the Freest People
upon Earth:
in Testimony
of the highest Regard
for his Public Character,
supported with becoming Dignity;
and his Private,
adorned with
Hospitality and Elegance;
the BRETHREN have directed
that the
following SERMON
should be,
with all respectful Consideration,
inscribed.

Dedication of Dr. Magaw's Sermon.

ship, and was elected. Mr. Starman, was balloted for, approved and entered.

The worshipful informed the Lodge that the Grand Lodge has made a proposal of building a house by subscription, for the use of the fraternity.—Bros. Erdman and Milnor were appointed a Committe to confer with the other Lodges on a mode for raising said Subscription.[4]

The worshipful also informed the lodge, that Bro Howell G. Sec'y, had waited on him and acquainted him that, agreeable to the order from the Grand Lodge, The Reverent Mr Magaw's Sermon, preached in St Paul's Church last St John's Day, was published; and desired to know how many our lodge would want.—Bro Erdman proposed taken of fifty copies of said sermon on his own account, that the Brethren may be supplied with them

Bro Ch. De Longchamp,[5] by a Verbal Petition, proposed Mr Dennis Lennon—ordered to lie on the books.

Bro Von Wörn delivered an account for sundries which were ordered the last stated night, to be bought

[4] Original list of subscribers in Grand Lodge Library.

[5] Bro. Charles Julian Longchamps, at this time, was the central figure in a romantic episode. He had been an officer in the French cavalry, came to Philadelphia and married a young Quakeress, whose friends disapproved of the match, and a series of annoyances to Bro. Longchamps resulted, during one of which he struck the secretary of the French Legation. The secretary complained to Congress, and the matter became an international one, which ended by Bro. Longchamps being sentenced to two years imprisonment and to pay a fine of 100 French crowns and bail to keep the peace for seven years in the sum of 2,000 pounds.

for the use of the Lodge, amounting to 40 Shillings.

April 15, 1784.—Extra Lodge. Present—Bro. Patk Ferrall W M—Nine Members, and Bro John Coats P. D. G. M.

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form—Lodge closed. F. C. opened when Bros. Reiley—Salsbery and Starman were passed to Degree of F. C.

May 10, 5784.—Stated Lodge. Present Worshipfull Patk. Ferrall, Bros. Milnor and Pennington.

There being but a very few members present, owing to the Illumination for the Definity Treaty, this Lodge was adjourned to Thursday evening at Seven O'Clock, when its hoped every Brother will attend.

1784	Bills of Hall & Sellers—	
March 11	To folding & stitching 500 Mason Sermons	£ 1—5—0
Apr 30	To Paper & printing 500 Copies Dr Magaw's Sermon @ 4d. each	8—6—8

May 13, 5784.—Adjourned Lodge—Present—Members

Bro	Pat. Ferrall	W. M.	Bro Ed. Evans
"	Chas. Erdman	S. W	" Jno. Reily
"	Wm Milnor	J. W.	" J. Leamy
"	Wm Keeler	S. D pt	" R. Allison
"	J. Pennington	J. D. pt	" F. W. Starman
"	P. Wadman		" Chev. De Longchamps
"	J. Salsbery		" Elhatton.

Visitors

Bro Wm Tapp P. M. No 2 New York. Bro Mat^{w} Whitehead

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form. when Mr Dennis Lennom was balloted for, and black-balled by *every* member present. Ordered that the Secretary report the same to the different Lodges in this City.

Mr Thos. Bart. Bowen, approved Mar. 8. 1784 was Entered.

Lodge Closed—F. C. opened when Bro. Allison was passed to F. C.—Lodge Closed, a Masters opened, when Bro Reily was raised to the Sublime degree.

May 20, 1784.—Extra Lodge—Present—Bro P. Ferrall W. M—ten Members—Six Visitors.

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form.—By virtue of a dispensation from the R. W. G. Master, Mr J. L. Dusautoy Lecossoy, a Modern Mason, was balloted for, approved and entered

Lodge Closed.—F. C. opened, when aforesaid Bro was passed to F. C—Lodge Closed, a Masters opened, when aforesaid Bro. was raised to the Sublime degree.

June 14, 5784.—Stated Lodge. Present

The Worshipful Master		Bro Moses Cohen	
Bro Chas Erdman,	S. W.	" Jno Salisbury	
" Wm Milnor	J W	" Praise Wadman	
" Is^{c} Pennington	S. D	" I. Bush	
" Benj. Nones	J. D	" Jno. Leaming	
" Rich. Allison		" F. W. Starman	
" Rice			

Visitors

Bro Shober	Bro Walter Bourk
" Tapp	P M from St Croix

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened in form.

The Petition of Mr Peter Hadingran, was presented, by the W.M. craving our Charitable assistance. Bros Erdman and Pennington were appointed a Committe to examine said Petitioner and if found worthy to assist him with six pounds out of the Treasure.

The Worshipful laid before the Lodge an Acc^{t} from Joseph Rhoads against this Lodge, Ordered that the Secretary examine the Minutes of 1769 and see what is there mentioned concerning said Acc^{t} and report the next Stated night

Bro Moses Cohen verballey petitioned the Lodge for the Initiation of Mr Ashton Humphres, if found worthy: ordered to lie on the Books.—

This being our stated night preceeding St John's Day we proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing Six Months, and were elected as follows. viz:—

Bros. Chas. Erdman, Master,—Wm Milnor, S. W. Isa. Pennington, J. W. W. Von Wörn, re-elected Secretary; John Leamy, Treasurer—Benj. Nones, S. D.—Isaiah Bush, J. D and Bro. Cohen Steward.—Bros Pennington, Leamy and Von Wörn were appointed a Committe for settling the last Treasurer's Acc^{ts}.

Received Cash for Seven Constitution Books. and for refreshment 22/6

June 15, 5784.—Extra Lodge—Present, The Worshipful Master, Six members.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened in form; and by Virtue of a Dispensation from the R. W. G. M. Capt Donald McDonald was balloted for and found worthy, and entered. Lodge Closed. F. C. Opened, when said Brother was passed to F. C.

Lodge Closed, A Masters Lodge opened in due form, when said Brother and Bro John Salsbery were raised to the Sublime Degree.

June 21, 5784.—Extra Lodge—Present,—The Worshipful Master—Twelve Members, and Wm Tapp, P. M. of N° 2. New York

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened, and by virtue of two Dispensations from the R. W. G. M. in favor of Ashton Humphres and Haym Solomon, were balloted for, approved and Entered.

Bros. Erdman and Pennington, reported that they had waited on Mr Hadingran, and found him an object of Charity, ordered that said Sum be presented him. Lodge closed

A F. C. Lodge opened, when Bros Chandler and Bowen were passed to F. C. Lodge closed

A Masters Lodge opened, and Bros. Starman—Allison and Chandler, were raised to the sublime degree.

June 23, 5784.—Extra Lodge. Present, the Worshipful Master, and Seven Members.—

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened. By Virtue of a Dispensation from the R. W. G. Master, Capt Joseph Walker, was balloted for, and approved.

When he and Haym Solomon were Entered. Lodge closed

A F. C. Lodge opened in form, when Bros. Humphreys,—Walker and Solomon were passed to the degree of F. C.

Lodge closed in harmony at 10 O'Clock—

St. John's Day, June 24, 5784.—No entry—a blank page.

June 28, 5784.—Extra Lodge. Present—The W. M. Chas. Erdman—Nine Members.

A Masters Lodge opened in due form, when Bros Thos. B Bowen, and Joseph Walker, were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons; Returned and gave Thanks.

July 12, 5784.—Stated Lodge.—Present—Bro Chas Erdman W. M.—Wm Melnor, S. W. Isc. Pennington, J. W.—P. Wadman—A. Humphreys—Jno Salsbery.—J. L. Dusautoy—T. B. Bowen—Jno Leamy—M. Cohen

An E. A. Lodge opened, Bro von Wörn informed the Lodge that he had examined the Minutes of 1769, and did not find anything mentioned of any work done by Mr Joseph Rhoads for the Lodge. Ordered that the Secretary shall wait on the Widow or Executor, of Said J. Rhoads, and inform her, or him, that it was the sense of the Lodge that said acc^{t} was not just, and to return the same.

A Masters Lodge opened in due form, when Bro Asheton Humphreys, was raised to the Sublime Degree.—

Paid Bro. Cohen his bill for refreshment 20/10—

Paid Mess. Hall & Sellers Fifty Shillings for printing 1000 Summons—Bro. Jno Leamy was this Evening installed Treasurer of this Lodge for the ensuing six months.

August 9, 1784.—Stated Lodge—Present—Bro Wm Milnor Master p. t.—Isaac Pennington S W—Benj. Nones J. W. p t. I Bush S. D—J. Salsbery, J. D.—A. Humphreys—F. W. Starman—Chas Jones—H. Solomon—S. Etting—M. Cohen—P. Wadman—A. Roberts—Leamy—Jarvis

Visitors:—Robt Jones—Singleton—Powers.

An A. E. Lodge opened—Lodge closed.—A Masters Lodge opened, when Bro. Hyman Solomon, was raised to Sublime Degree of Master Mason.—

September 13, 1784.—Stated Lodge—Present Bro William Milnor Master p. t.—twelve members—one Visitor Bro Polonois

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form.—The petition of Chas. Nuttle was presented by Bro Proctor, ordered to lie on the books; and referred to Bros Roberts & Nones.

On Motion of Bro Proctor, Bros Farrell, Pennington and Nones, were appointed a Committe to write to Bro Von Wörn our late Secretary, inquiring to know the Reasons why he left the Lodge without informing them and settling & accounting for the monies by him received, on acct of the Lodge. Also

ordered that said Committe write also to Bro Wm Moore Smith requiring him forthwith to settle and adjust his Accts with the Lodge & pay the Monies in his hands, belonging to the Lodge to the present Treasurer.

September 30, 1784.—Extra Lodge Present. Bro Wm Milnor Master p. t. Nine Members—three Visitors—Bro Hamilton P. M—Robert Taylor—James Martin

An E. A. Lodge opened—John Quin an E. A. applied for admission, after due examination he was balloted for and admitted—Bro Milnor then resigned the Chair to Bro Rutherford—Lodge closed. F. C. Lodge opened when Bro Quin was passed to F. C.—After which Bro Rutherford favored the Lodge with an E. A. Lecture.

N. B. The expenses of the Night being paid by Bro Quin Nothing was Collected

October 11, 1784.—Stated Lodge—Present

Bro	Wm. Milnor	Master p t	Bro	P. Farrell	P. M.
"	I. Pennington	S. W.	"	A Rutherford	P. M.
"	B. Nones,	J. W.	"	B. Dougherty	
"	I. Bush	S. D.	"	J. Angus	
"	I. Salsbury	J. D pt	"	J Quin	
"	J. Leamy	Treas	"	E Evens	
"	A. Humphreys	Sec.			

Visitors

Bro	M. M. Polonois	Bro	Robert Taylor
"	Jno Duff	"	Stafford
"	Jas Martin	"	P. Wadman
"	J. L. Dusantoy Lecassoy	"	W. McElhatton

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form, when Charles Nuttle was balloted for, approved and Entered.

A petition was received from Matthew Huston, ordered to lie on the books—Lodge closed—A Masters Lodge opened, when Bro Quin was raised to the sublime degree.

Rec'd for Refreshm^{t} 39/4 pd for Candles 1/5. Closed in Harmony half past nine O'Clock.

October 23, 1784.—Extra Lodge—Present—Bro Wm Milnor Master p. t.—twelve Members—five Visitors.

A F. C. Lodge opened in due form. The W. M. in the name of the Lodge returned the Lodge's thanks to Bro. Nones for his present of a cloth for the Table belonging to this Lodge. Bro. Nuttle was then passed to F. C.—Lodge Closed—An E. A. Lodge opened, when by virtue of a dispensation from the D. G. M. Mr. Benj. Stevens was balloted for, approved and entered. Lodge Closed—A F. C. Lodge again opened, when Bro. Stevens, was passed to F. C.—No Collection was made, as the Candidates paid the expenses.—

October 27, 1784.—Extra Lodge by Adjournment.—Present—Bro. I. Pennington Master p. t.—Eleven Members, and James Martin a Visitor.

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form, by the senior Warden, the W. M. not being present and no business appearing—the Lodge was closed.—A Masters Lodge opened by Bro Young who raised Bro Stevens to the Sublime degree.

November 8, 1784.—Stated Lodge—Present Bro W^{m}

Milnor Master p. t.—Eleven Members—Three Visitors:—Bro Simon Nathan—Wm Sellers— —— Morris.

An E. A. Lodge, opened in due form, when Matthew Houston was balloted for, and approved. No other Business appearing—Lodge closed in Harmony at Eight O'Clock—

December 13, 1784.—Stated Lodge—Present—Bro Wm Milnor Master p. t.—Bros—Pennington, S. W —B. Nones, J. W. S. Evans, S. D.—W. McElhatton, J. D.—A Humphreys, Sec'y—J. Leamy, Treas.—A Rutherford—P. Wadman,— W.Guise—I. Bush. Visitors—Geo Taylor N° 2, New York—Edw. Lang.

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form. when Mr Matthew Houston received the first step in masonry.

Bro Evans exhibited an Acc^t for Monies paid by him, to F. A. Morris for work done for the Lodge amounting to 45/8

Ordered that the same be repaid him, and that, as The Grand Lodge, Lodge No 4 & Lodge No 9, have the use of our Room, the said acc^t be divided amongst them & that they be severally called on by the Tyler for their shares of this Expence.

Bro Rutherford having presented to the Lodge a plate, belonging to the Lodge for the purpose of printing summonses,—also a picture of a Master Mason as a free Gift, The W. M. in the Name of the Lodge, return'd the Lodge's thanks for the same.

This being the Night preceeding St John's Day the election for Officers was opened, when the following

officers were chosen & duly elected—Bro Isaac Pennington Master—Benj. Nones, S. W.—Asheton Humphreys, J. W. Isaiah Bush Sec'y—John Leamy, Treas. —Edw Evans, S. D.—John Salsbury, J. D. and Bro Giese, Steward.

There is no entry in the minute book for St. John's Day. It is known, however, that the Lodge attended the religious services at Christ Church, in response to the following invitation issued by the Grand Lodge at the quarterly communication, held December 20, 1784:

"All members of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons are particularly requested to meet on Monday next, precisely at nine o'clock, in the forenoon, at the Lodge Room in Lodge Alley, from thence to walk, in Masonic procession, to Christ Church, when a charity sermon will be delivered for the poor of the Craft, the poor of the congregation, and the distressed prisoners confined in the goal. After the sermon an anthem will be sung, suitable to the occasion."

December 31, 1784.—Extra Lodge—Present. Bro Isaac Pennington Master p. t.—ten members, and Bro. Baush a Visitor.

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form. No business appearing was closed. A Masters Lodge was then opened, and following Brethren were installed according to Ancient Usage: viz:—Bro Isaac Pennington, Master—Benj. Nones S. W. Asheton Humphreys, J. W. John Leamy, Treas and Isaiah Bush Sec'y

THE CHARACTER OF THE EVANGELIST St. JOHN, IN A CHARITY SERMON,

PREACHED IN

CHRIST-CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA,

ON DECEMBER 27, 1784,

(Being the ANNIVERSARY of the ſame EVANGELIST)

BEFORE

THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY

OF

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

By WILLIAM WHITE, D. D.
RECTOR OF CHRIST-CHURCH AND St. PETERS.

PHILADELPHIA:
PRINTED BY HALL AND SELLERS.

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REV. WILLIAM WHITE, D.D.

BORN APRIL 4, 1748. DIED JULY 17, 1836.

January 6, 1785.—Extra Lodge
Members

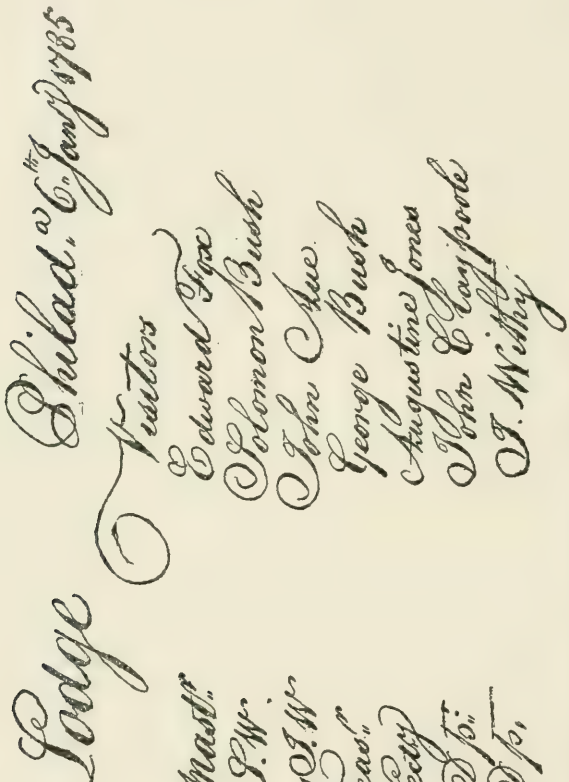
Bro Isaac Pennington	Mast^{r}	*Visitors*	
" Benjamin Nones	S. W.	Bro	Edward Fox
" Asheton Humphreys	J. W.	"	Solomon Bush
" John Leamy	Treas^{r}	"	John Aue
" Isaiah Bush	Sect^{y}	"	George Bush
" T. B. Bowen	S. D. pt	"	Augustine Jones
" ——— Bartram	J. D pt	"	John Claypoole
" Alex Rutherford		"	T. Withy
" Patrick Ferrall		"	Matthew Bennet
" Edward Evans		"	Thomas Wylie
" Moses Cohen		"	H. D. Purcell
" Saml Jarvis		"	Michael Jennings
" Fred^{k} W Starman		"	James Berwick
" Wm Keeler		"	John Harwood
" William Shirtliff		"	Gavin Hamilton

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form, and by virtue of a Dispensation of the R. W. G. Master the following Gentlemen were seperately ballotted for, found worthy and received the first step in Masonry and returned thanks: viz:—George Wescott—Isaac Van Vleck—and Charles Dryall.

January 10, 1785.—Stated Lodge—Present—Bro. Isaac Pennington Mast^{r} Twelve Members, Three Visitors:—Bros. H. D. Purcell—John Lawson and Jones.

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form.

Brother Asheton Humphreys our late Secretary inform'd the Lodge he had examined the Minutes of 1767 and could not find any entry made in regard to work done by Bro. Joseph Rhoads Dec^{d} whereupon it



Specimen of Bro. Isaiah Bush's Penmanship.

was agreed that the present Sec^{y} should examine the aforesaid Minutes a second time & Report thereon the next Stated Night. The Tyler inform'd the Lodge that he had not called on the different Lodges for their proportion of repairs made to the Lodge Room—he not having been furnished with the Acct. Ordered That the Treasurer furnish the Sect^{y}. with the account who is to make out the different proportions of each Lodge & give them to the Tyler for collection. Brother Lewis Farmer presented a Petition to the Lodge from Mr John Melbeck a Modern Mason praying to become an Ancient Mason—he being recommended by Brothers Lewis Farmer & William Giese. Order'd that the Petition lay the usual time on the Books & that Bro^{s}. John Leamy & Asheton Humphreys be appointed to examine into his Character. The Petition of M^{r}. W^{m}. Kunckell being read solliciting to be admitted a Member of our Honb^{le} Society—he being recommended by Brother Frederick Wm Starman. Ordered that his petition lay the usual time on the Books & that Bro^{s}. T. B. Bowen & Edward Evans be appointed to investigate his Character. Application being made by a member of the Sublime Lodge of Perfection to let them have the use of our Room, it was agreed to let them have the use of it, provided their Meetings did not interfere with those of any other Lodge. This being the 1st Stated Night after St Johns Day the Bye Laws

were read agreeable to custom when it was found that many matters had not been put in execution—it was therefore agreed that they should be taken up and considered at the next stated Night. Lodge Closed. —A Fellow Crafts Lodge Opened in Due form—Bro^{rs}. George Wescott & Isaac Vanvleck were pass'd to the degree of Fellow Crafts & gave thanks and received the benefit of an Enter'd Apprentices Lecture—Received two Dollars on Account of Mess. John Melbeck & W^{m}. Kunckell, likewise for Refreshment Twenty-Six Shillings & three pence & for Lodge Dues Fifty-four Shillings & four pence half penny, in all amounting to Four Pounds fifteen Shillings & Seven pence half penny which was paid into the Hands of the Treasurer.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock.

February 14, 1785.—Stated Lodge—Present. Bros: Isaac Pennington Mast^{r}—fourteen members, three Visitors

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form. It was found that the Business of the Night would not admit of an examination of the By-Laws therefore it was agreed that they should be taken up the next stated meeting.

The Tyler reported to the Lodge that he had rec^{d} from the Grand Lodge and N° 4 their proportions of the expence arising for the repairs done to the Room

Received of Jeremiah Fisher our late Treasurer by the hands of the Worshipful Master Viz^{t}.—a Certificate Sign'd by Benjn. Stelle for 69$\frac{10}{90}$ D^{rs}. Notes Signed

by David Rittenhouse for 4¼ D^rs^. & Jeremiah Fishers Note on Demand for Sixteen Pounds Seventeen Shillings & Six Pence—Jeremiah Fisher declared this to be all that he had in his hands belonging to the Lodge.—Paid into the hands of the Treasurer the above Certificates & notes

The Worshipful Master informed the Lodge that with the concurrence of the Wardens he had given an Order on the Treasurer in fav° of Mr Hugh McCormick a Distress'd Brother for Six Pounds. The Lodge was fully satisfied with the same; and agreed that hereafter the Master & Wardens should be a standing Committee for the purpose of affording such relief as they might think proper to any distress'd Brother;—as likewise in all other charitable acts. Mr John Melbeck who was represented as a Modern Mason was found not to be as was set forth; he was Balloted for as likewise Mr. W^m^. Kunckell & were found worthy & Received the first step in Masonry and gave thanks; received of Brothers John Melbeck and William Kunckell Twelve Pounds five Shillings being their initiation Fees, Lodge Dues Three Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Nine Pence, Nights expenses fifteen shillings; in all amounting to Sixteen Pounds Eighteen shillings & nine pence, which was paid into the Hands of the Treasurer. Lodge Closed, A Masters Lodge was open'd in due form, when Brother Isaac Vanvleck was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason & gave thanks. The Lodge agreed

that the widow of our Brother Joseph Rhoads Deceased (being in a distress'd situation should receive Payment for an Account she render'd to the Lodge said to be for work done by her Husband in 1767 which does not appear on the Minutes of that year. Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock.

Jan'y 11th 1785

The Grand Lodge of North America

To Lodge No 2 Dr

To your proportion of fixing 22 panes Glass 12 x 10 @ 22d p. £ 2—0—4	10—1
To your proportion of puttying 16 Squares of old Sash work 5/4	1—4
	0—11—5

March 14, 1785.—Stated Lodge—Present—Bro Isaac Pennington Mastr Twelve Members—

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form.—It was the opinion of the Lodge that Bro. Jeremiah Fisher be particularly summon'd to appear before the Lodge at their first Meeting to render a satisfactory Account of Money he had received during his being Treasurer—

The Consideration of the By Laws was postponed on account of so few Members being present. Lodge Closed

A F. C. Lodge opened, when Bros John Melbeck & William Kunckell were passed to the degree of F. C.

The Treasurer announced that he had received from the Tyler 22/ 10d being what he had received from the Grand Lodge and N° 4.

He likewise informed the Lodge that he had paid the Widow of our late Bro. Joseph Rhoads, £ 7—18—3 in full the same being agreed to by the Lodge, he likewise paid for a Cord of Wood 36/ 4d.

April 11, 1785.—Stated Lodge—Present—Isaac Pennington Mast^r^ fourteen Members,—R. W. G. Master Wm Adcock, and four Visitors Bros Jonathan B. Smith,—George Bush—John Alexander and H. D. Purcell.

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form—Bro Jere^h^ Fisher attended, and rendered an account of the monies he, rec'd and paid out during the time he acted as Treasurer to the Lodge,—Which they were perfectly satisfied with.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Lodge that the House we had now in posession, would shortly be disposed of by the proprietors of the same, he therefore hoped this Lodge would adopt some method to assist in making purchase of the House, or to build another.—The matter being duly considered—it was unanimously agreed that Mess. Alex Rutherford, Praise Wadman and Benjamin Nones be appointed a Committe to hand a Subscription for the aforesaid purpose & that the success thereof be paid into the hands of the Grand Treasurer as a free gift to the Grand Lodge, & to take the Grand Treasurer's receipt for the same.

That Lodge No. 2 made a noble response to this appeal from the Grand Lodge is shown by following subscription list:

We, the subscribers, do promise to pay into the hands of Alex. Rutherford, Praise Wadman, and Benj. Nones the sum which we have affixed to our names, being for the purpose of purchasing or building a house for a Lodge, agreeably to a minute of Lodge No. 2 of April 11th, 1785.

	£	s	d
Wm. Ball	3	15	0
Isaac Pennington	1	17	6
Benj. Nones	3	0	0
Asheton Humphreys	1	2	6
Isaiah Bush	1	2	6
Jno. Leaming	1	2	6
Jerh. Fox	0	15	0
Abm. Roberts	1	2	6
Jno. Bartram, Jr	1	2	6
Jno. Carson	1	10	0
Wm. Geisse	2	0	0
L. Simmons	1	0	0
Jno. Wood	5	0	0
Thos. Jones	3	0	0
Jos. Howell, Jr	1	17	6
Jno. Angus	1	13	4
Ed. Evans	1	2	6
Wm. Shirtliff	1	2	6
Isaac Vanvleck	1	0	0
Thos. Proctor	6	0	0
R. T. Shewell	1	10	0
P. S. Duponceau	1	2	6
John King	1	10	0
Jas. Sutter	0	15	0
Geo. Westcott	1	2	6
Chas. Dryatt	1	2	6
W. Humphreys	1	2	6
Jno. Redman	1	2	6
Jno. Claypoole	1	2	6
Benj. Davis, Jr	1	2	6
Jno. Rice	2	5	0
E. Beatty	1	2	6
Moses Cohen	1	15	0
Jas. Hutchinson	2	5	0
Mat. Henderson	1	10	0
Jac. Bankson	1	15	0
Jno. Dunlap	2	5	0
Jas. Craig, Junr	1	2	6
J. Shallus	1	2	6
Wm. Milnor	1	2	6
Cornal Jarvis	3	0	0
Jno. Salsbery	1	10	0
Richd. Wistar	2	5	0
Thos. Wylie	1	2	6
Thos. Leaming Jr	1	2	6
Richd. Patton	1	10	0
Frs. Johnston	1	2	6
Henry Bedkin	1	2	6
Hugh Lennox	1	10	0
Jno. Maillard	3	0	0
Alex. Rutherford	6	0	0
Jno. Vannost	2	5	0
Lemuel Savage	1	2	6
W. M. Ellaton	1	0	0
Wm. Kunckel	1	0	0
Jon'n Gostelawe	1	2	6
Wm. Keeler	1	2	6
B. Dougherty	5	0	0
Jno. Reily	3	0	0
Jas. McLean	3	0	0
Jno. Wence	3	0	0
Jno. Irwin	2	5	0
	£115	5	10

A motion was made and seconded that the By-Law for imposing a fine on the Brethren for non-attendance be repealed—Unanimously agreed to.

The W. M. informed the Lodge that the Committe of Charity had lent B. Lamarquissi a distress'd. Brother, Three Pounds. Lodge Closed.

A F. C. Lodge opened, when Bros Jeremiah Fox—Matthew Houston were passed to F. C.

The Grand Lodge

To Joseph Dolby Dr

To chaiming the bells last St Johns day

For the Honrable Sosity going to the Church in form for the Benefit of the Poor £ 1—10—0 April 18—1785

May 9, 1785.—Stated Lodge—Present

Bro Isaac Pennington	Mast^r	Bro Isaiah Bush	Sec'y
" Asheton Humphreys	S. W pt	" John Leamy	Treas^r
" Edward Evans	J. W. pt	" Isaac Vanvleck	
" T. B. Bowen	S D pt	" Jacob G. Koch	
" John Bartram	J. D. pt	" Praise Wadman	
	Jeremiah Fox		

Visitors.—Bro Thomas Smith—Gavin Hamilton

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form. No business appearing.—Lodge Closed. A Masters Lodge was opened, when Bros. Jeremiah Fox and Jacob G. Koch were raised to the Sublime Degree. Bro. T. B. Bowen having informed the Lodge of his intention of going to Charleston, So. Carolina to reside he therefore took a formal leave of the Worshipful Mast^r and Brethren.

Bro. Gavin Hamilton informed the Lodge of his being appointed by Lodge No 3 to present their best

wishes to Lodge No 2—Bro Asheton Humphreys was appointed to Wait on Lodge No 3 and return Lodge No 2 best Wishes—

June 13, 1785.—Stated Lodge—Present—Bro Isaac Pennington Mast^r—fifteen Members,—three Visitors: —Bros J. B. Smith—John Maillard—George Way.

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form. Bro John Maillard applied for Membership balloted for and admitted—This being the Night preceeding St John's Day the Election for Officers was opened, and Chosen as follows:—

Bros. Assheton Humphreys, Master.—Isaiah Bush, S. W. Jno. Bartram jr. J. W.—Isaac Vanvleck Sec'y —George Wescott Treas.

June 18, 1785.—Extra Lodge—Present—Bro Isaac Pennington Mast^r—Nine Members—John Alexander a Visitor.

An E. A. Lodge opened, no Business—Lodge closed, A Masters Lodge Opened, when Bro George Wescott was raised to the Sublime Degree

June 23, 1785.—Extra Lodge. Present Bro Isaac Pennington in the Chair—ten Members.

A Masters Lodge opened, when the following Brethren were installed according to antient usage:

Bro	Assheton Humphreys,	W. M	Bro	Isaac Vanvleck	Sec'y
"	Isaiah Bush,	S W	"	Edw. Evans,	S. D
"	John Bartram jr.	J. W	"	Jeremiah Fox,	J. D
"	Geo Westcott,	treas.	"	Wm McElhatton,	Steward

July 7, 1785.—Extra Lodge—Present—Bro A. Humphreys W. M. fourteen Members, and Six Visitors

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form. When by Virtue of a dispensation of the R. W. G. M. Mr Anthony Joseph Ferara Roche was balloted for and found worthy.

Bro Ghisling formerly Tyler of this Lodge, was, by Bro Howard, represented to be in Very indigant Circumstances, and that he concieved a ballance remained due to the said Bro Ghisling for former services rendered this Lodge; Whereupon it was ordered that the Secretary should examine the former minutes in order to ascertain the same, and make a report accordingly.

Bro. Anthony Jos. Ferrara received the first step in Masonry.—returned and gave thanks.—When Bros Telles and Nones were appointed Guardians to the new initiated Bro. to instruct him in the Mysteries of the first Steps of Masonry.—N. B. No Collection made, Bro Roche paid the expenses of the night.

July 9, 1785.—Extra Lodge—Present.—Bro Humphreys W. M. fourteen Members—three Visitors.

An E. A. Lodge, opened in due form—The petition of Mr Abraham Jones was presented, and ordered to lie on the books.—Lodge Closed—F. C. Lodge opened, when Bro A. J. F. Roche was passed to F. C.—Bro Roche then paid his Fees for admission, as also three Dollars for the Dispensation from the Grand Lodge.

July 11, 1785.—Stated Lodge—Present—Bro A. Humphreys W. M.—Ten Members—Two Visitors, Bros Patterson and Hoffner from Lodge No 4.

An E. A. Lodge. This being the first stated night

after St John's Day—the By-Laws were to haue been read, but as much business was to be transacted this evening, the reading of them was ordered to be deferr'd until the next Stated Night.

Bro Etting now an Inhabitant of Lancaster, paid his Lodge dues and received his Certificate and a discharge for future attendance on this Lodge.

An acc^t from Bro Ghysling was exhibited on which appeared a ballance remaining due, of £ 7—17—6 for services rendered this Lodge as Tyler, The Sen. and Jun. Wardens, and the Secretary were appointed a Committe to examine the Same, and also to remain a Standing Committee to inspect all future accounts, that may be exhibited to this Lodge—Lodge Closed—

A Masters Lodge opened, when Bros Kunkel and Roche were raised to the Sublime degree.

August 8, 1785.—Stated Lodge—Present Bro A. Humphreys, Mast^r Thirteen Brethren—five Visitors: Sol. Bush—J. Devan—Henry Steade—Jordon Hopson—Richard Hunt.

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form.—when Mr Abraham Jones was balloted for, approved and entered. Bros Nones and Bush were appointed his Guardians.

The Committe appointed to examine the account rendered by Bro. Ghysling, reported that they had examined the Minutes of the Lodge, from which they Could not fully elucidate the same, It was thereupon,

Resolved:—That the same Committe finally determine the same as speedy as possible, and give an order in favor of Bro Gisling on the Treasurer for the ballance that May appear due.

A Petition was received from Mr Thomas Cullen —ordered to lie on the Books.—

The By Laws were then read—Bros Isaac Pennington—Jno Leamy—Geo Westcott—and Benj. Nones were appointed a committe to revise the By-Laws.

September 12, 1785.—Stated Lodge—Present Bro Asheton Humphreys Mast[r] fourteen Members,—ten Visitors

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form—Petitions of Mess Robert Crozier and Sam[l] House were read, the former being recommended by the R. W. D. G. Master and the latter by Bro Moses Cohen.—Ordered to lie on the books.

Mr Thomas Cullen, was then balloted for, found worthy and Entered—Lodge Closed,—A F. C. Lodge opened, when Bros Charles Dryall and Abram Jones were passed to F. C. Received for Refreshment 24 Shillings 4 Pence—halfpenny The W. M. and S. W. were appointed Guardians to Bro Cullen.—

Bro Jeremiah Fox asked to have four years dues remitted during the time of his absence from the City. —Granted

September 17, 1785.—Extra Lodge—Present Bro A. Humphreys Mast[r]—13 Members,—two Visitors—John Davan—Lazarus Levy.

A. F. C. Lodge opened in due form, when Bro Cullen was passed to that degree and Lodge Closed.

A Masters Lodge was opened, when following Brethren were raised to that degree and gave thanks, Viz:—John Milbeck—John Maillard—Abram. Jones, —and Thomas Cullen.

Bro. Giese presents his acco[t] as Steward, referred to Committe on accounts.—

After the establishment of "Lodge of Grand Elect, Perfect and Sublime Masons" in Philadelphia, June 25, 1781, as set forth in Vol. I., p. 425, the meetings were held with more or less regularity in the Lodge room, in Videll's Alley, in the old Freemason's Lodge in Lodge Alley, and finally, after the sale of the latter house, in Joseph Morris' building in Black Horse Alley, below Market Street east of Second Street.

The dedication of this Masonic room was an occasion of much ceremony in which all of the various Masonic bodies of the city took part. The following account appeared in the *Pennsylvania Journal,* No. 2009, September 24, 1785.

Tuesday last being the day appointed for the *consecration* of the *Sublime* Lodge of Philadelphia, for confering the *superior* degrees of Masonry, the brethren assembled at the Lodge-room in Lodge-alley, and walked in procession to the New Lodge in Black-Horse-alley, attended by a band of music. The thrice puisant then opened the Lodge and introduced the business with a suitable prayer, when the con-

stitution and bye-laws were read. After which was delivered, an elegant oration composed by brother Vannost, and a beautiful ode set to music, composed by brother Smith of the sublime lodge.

FORM OF THE PROCESSION.

The Master of Ceremonies or Sword Bearer.

Brother Orator and Clergy.

The Treasurer with the Bible and velvet Cushion.

The thrice puisant with the worshipfuls Deputy Grand Master and Grand Warden of Pennsylvania at his right and left.

Brother Inspector.

The senior and junior Sublime Wardens.

The Sublime Secretary.

The Brethren of the Sublime Lodge two and two.

The Brethren of the Royal Arch.

Past Masters.

Officers of Lodge No. 2.

Officers of Lodge No. 3.

Officers of Lodge No. 4.

Officers of Lodge No. 8.

Officers of Lodge No. 9.

Invited Brethren two and two.

Tyler.

There has been no instance of a masonic procession which exhibited a more respectable appearance, and the solemnities used in consecrating the lodge were very striking. A pretty collation was prepared by the sublime lodge, for the visiting

brethren; and in the afternoon the brethren dined together, at the City-Tavern and spent the day in the greatest harmony. The following toasts were drank:

1. The Sublime Lodge of perfection this day consecrated.
2. Our illustrious Brother the King of Prussia.
3. Our beloved Brother George Washington, the intended Grand Master of America.
4. That dignified Philosopher and Friend to Mankind, Brother Benjamin Franklin.
5. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.
6. May the rust of discord never corrode the present polished chain of Masonic Fellowship.
7. May *health, stability* and *power* be ever the supporters of our Lodge.
8. May Beauty and Merit be the reward of Virtue and Secrecy.
9. The Land we live in.
10. Our worthy Brethren round the Globe.
11. Increase, Love and Unanimity to the antient craft.
12. All Masons who honor the Order by conforming to its rules.
13. The Memory of old.

We understand the Prayer, Ode, Oration, &c. will shortly be be published.

The list of members of the Sublime Lodge in addition to those already named is given below. It will be noted that it is made up largely by the prominent members of Lodge No. 2.

John Duserm	Peter Morzeau
Chevelier De Belveau	James Fallon
John Vanost	John Devan
Charles Young	Benjamin Nones

Isaac Pennington	Isiah Bush
Assheton Humphreys	Thomas B. Bowen
Michael Ryan	Richard Claiborn
Isaac Vansleck	Elisha C. Dick
William M Williams	Solomon Etting
Peter LeB. Duplessis	Lazarus Levy
Fredk. W Starman	John Melback
William Kunckle	Augustine Prevost
Alex. Rutherford	James Martin
William Smith	Charles W. Lecker
John F. Langenberg	Thomas Proctor
Charles Smith	Gavin Hamilton
William Delany	Josiah Haines
Thos. H. Leuffer	James Thompson
——— Marshall	Joseph Dean
———Luke	Isaac Franks
Wm. Moore Smith	Benjamin Mason
John Freese	Frederick Miller

October 10, 1785.—Stated Lodge—Present.—Bro Ash^{n} Humphreys Mast^{r}—12 Members, four Visitors: —Bros Gavin Hamilton—John Metziers—Gamul Dowdall—Fred^{k} Langenbergher.

An E. A. Lodge opened—when Robert Crozier and Samuel House were Seperately balloted for, approved and Entered.

A petition was received from John Dentzell, a Modern Mason, praying to be enlightened agreeable to Antient form, ordered to lie on the Books.—

Lodge Closed,—A Master Mason's Lodge opened, when Bro Chas. Dryall was raised to that Sublime Degree.

Bro. Isaiah Bush informed the Lodge that he intended going to Charleston S° Carolina, and was desirous of paying his Lodge dues and getting a dis-

charge from the Lodge. He paid 13/ 6½d—being the Amount of his Dues, therefore was not to be Considered as a member from this time.

That the efforts of the Grand Lodge, so ably seconded by Lodge No. 2, to secure the title of the house in Lodge Alley failed to come to a successful end, is shown by the following advertisement, which also gives us some idea of its construction.

"To be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, To morrow the 1st day of October [1785], at the old *Coffee House* at 6 O'Clock in the Evening,—The House, called the

FREEMASONS LODGE

In Lodge Alley, with the LOT OF GROUND wheron it stands.

Containing in front 60 feet and in depth 42 feet, with the privilege of a 5 feet alley to the westward, and the privilege of opening windows to the eastward, and their light not to be anyways obstructed; Subject to a ground rent of 23 pounds 5 shillings per annum. The House is Large, and well suited for many public uses, as well as for a compleat wet or dry goods store, or a dwelling house, the rooms being very large and commodious, the floors supported by strong and substantial Joice, and there being dry and deep Cellars under the whole building, with a chimney to suit a kitchen.

The terms of payment will be—one fourth of the purchase money within one month after the sale; one fourth on the 1st of February—one fourth on the 1st of May, and the last payment on the 1st of August next, with interest.

Posession to be delivered and the deed executed on making

the first payment, and giving satisfactory security for the remainder.

A. St Clair & Co. Auctioneers

September 30th 1785

With this sale the building passed out of all control of the Fraternity, and after serving for a time as the banking house of the Bank of Pennsylvania, was finally torn down and the space upon which it stood became part of the garden back of the bank, now in turn supplanted by the United States appraiser's stores.

The proceeds of the sale, belonging to the survivors of the Grand Lodge of Masons, was donated to the city as a fund to "furnish the poor with fire wood."[6]

November 10, 1785.—Extra Lodge—Present—Bro A. Humphreys, Master—9 Members, three Visitors

[6] "The Free Masons' Fund. The origin and object of this charity is fully explained in the following letter: 'To Matthew Clarkson Esq., Mayor of the city of Philadelphia. Dear Sir: Please to inform the Corporation of the city that we, the subscribers, the Trustees appointed by Act of Assembly, for selling the Free Masons' Lodge, in Lodge alley, in the city of Philadelphia, having executed our trust, and called a meeting of the members of the First Lodge of Free Masons, (who formerly contributed their stock towards erecting the said building,) for the purpose of agreeing and declaring to what charitable purpose the one-third part of the produce of the said sale should be applied. It was unanimously agreed, that the same should be given to the Corporation of the city of Philadelphia, to be by them applied towards a fund for supplying out of the interest thereof, the necessitous inhabitants of the said city with fuel in the winter season. We are likewise to inform you that the one-third part of the net proceeds of the said sale amounts to the sum of five hundred and seventy-four pounds, four shillings and eleven pence ($1,533.57), which now remains in our hands, ready to be delivered to the order of the said Corpora-

An E. A. Lodge opened, The W. M. informed the Lodge that he had called them together at the request of Bro Crozier who was about to leave the City, and was desirous to his departure to be passed and raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason—The Lodge approving this was accordingly done—The expenses of the night being paid by Bro Crozier, nothing was collected.

November 14, 1785.—Stated Lodge—Present—Bro A Humphreys Mast^r—Nine Members—two Visitors.

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form, when the W. M. presented a petition from Bro. King praying relief, at the same time informed the Lodge, that he had given Bro King an order on the Treasurer for Three pounds, which being deemed Sufficient the petition was dismissed.

On Motion of Bro Leamy a letter was written to Bro Von Wörn late Sec'y—requesting him to account for the Monies received by him on account of the Lodge.

December 12, 1785.—Stated Lodge—Present—

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tion, for the purpose aforesaid. We are, with great respect, your obedient, humble servants, Edward Shippen, John Swift. Philadelphia, 23d July, 1793.'

"The following are the names of the members of the First Lodge, to whom the disposition of the money belonged: Edward Shippen, John Swift, Matthew Clarkson, Michael Hillegas, Tench Francis, John Penn, William Smith. (This fund has since been merged into what is known as the City Fuel Fund.)" From the first Report of Board of City Trusts.

Members

Bro A Humphreys	W. M.	Bro A. Rutherford
" B. Nones	S. W. p. t.	" J. Dean
" J. Salisbury	J. W. p t.	" Milnor
" Moses Cohen		" P. Wadman
" A Roberts		" I. Pennington
" R. Crozier		

Visitors

Bro Christie	Bro Metzger
" Blair	" Sergers
" Langenberg	

An E. A. Lodge opened in due Form—This being our Stated night prceeding St. John's day, we proceeded to the electing of Officers for the ensuing Six Months and were elected as follows: viz—Alex. Rutherford, Master John Bartram jr. Sen. Warden,—Joseph Dean Jun. Warden Robert Crozier Sec'y—George Westcott re-elected Treasurer. John Salsbery, Sen. Deacon,—John Milbeck Jun. Deacon and Praise Wadman Steward.

The Petitions of Mess Geo Knox and Chas. Brown, Modern Masons were read, and ordered to lie on the books.

The two petitioners presented this Lodge with two Marble pillars.

Bro Leamy late Treasurer, paid into the hands of the present Treasurer the sum of £ 50—0—0.

December 24, 1785.—Extra Lodge—Present—Bro A. Humphreys Mast^r ten Members and Bro Bernard Hoobley a Visitor.

An E. A. Lodge opened, The newly elected officers

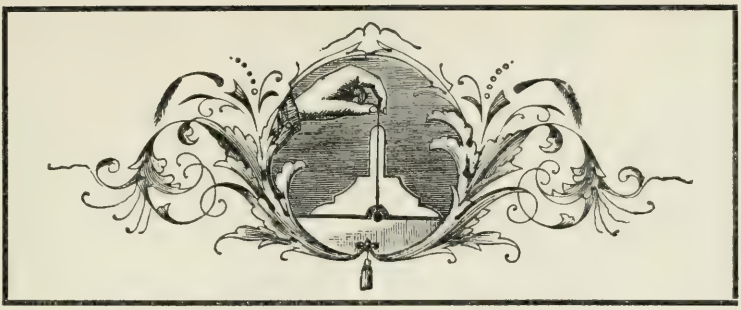
not attending the same was closed, Lodge Closed, and a F. C. Lodge opened, when Bro Sam[l] House was passed to the degree of a F. C.

St. John's Day, December 27, 1785.—Present Bro A. Humphrey Mast[r].—J. Bartram, jr, S. W.—J. Dean, J. W J. Gostelowe S. D pt.—T. Proctor J. D. p. t—R. Crozier Sec'y A. Rutherford—P. Wadman—Ch. De Longchamps. B Davis.—S. House.—Visitors:—Bros Delaney—Pickering—Will—Steel.

An E. A. Lodge being opened in due form, a letter received from Bro Geo. Westcott Treasurer praying to resign his office, which being read, the Lodge refused to accept his Resignation, & he is desired to Continue in office—Lodge Closed—A Masters Lodge opened in due form, and the following Brethren were installed according to Ancient Usage viz:—

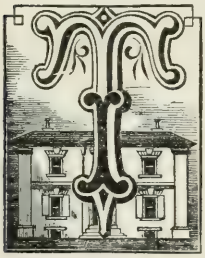
Bro	Alex Rutherford	Master
"	John Bartram jr	S. W.
"	Joseph Dean	J. W.
"	Robert Crozier	Sec'y

An application made by Col Thos Proctor in behalf of Louis D'Orsiere, who prayed to become a Member of this Lodge, and it appearing from the information of the W. M. that Charles Brown who petitioned the Lodge at their last meeting as a "Modern" proved upon Examination to be an "Antient" Mason—they were both balloted for, found worthy and admitted as members.—Lodge Closed in Harmony at half past One O'Clock—P. M.



CHAPTER XVI.

The Close of the Provincial Grand Lodge, 1786.



THE chief Masonic event of the year 1786 was the closing forever, September 25, 1786, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, acting by virtue of a warrant from the Grand Lodge of England. And at a grand convention of thirteen different Lodges, held upon the next day, September 26, 1786, the "R. W. Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging" was duly formed, as a Grand Lodge independent of Great Britain or any other authority whatever, being under no ties to any other Grand Lodge except those of brotherly love and affection, as the Resolution says: "Which they will always be happy to cultivate and preserve with all Lodges throughout the globe."

The following account of this important action was published three days later in the *Pennsylvania Packet,* the leading newspaper in the state. (This report

was undoubtedly written by Bro Peter Le Barbier Duplessis.)

Sep. 29, 1786.

On Monday last, we are told, a communication took place of the different officers and representatives of the respective lodges, under the government of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in order to consider the propriety of renouncing their submission in future to the Masonic power and authority of Great Britain, and declaring themselves independent of any foreign jurisdiction whatever. And it was resolved, that the Grand Lodge is, and ought to be perfectly independent and free of any such foreign jurisdiction.

This measure (observes a correspondent) is not without its precedent in the annals of masonry—Such has been the conduct of other lodges similarly circumstanced as ourselves, and seems to arise from the providential order and disposition of human events. For although Masonry disavows any manner of connection with politics or faction, and it is right it should be so, yet considering a separation has taken place between Britain and America, it would be as improper and absurd that we should again yield an obedience to her wild, extravagant claims of power, as that the lodges of this independent country should be subordinate to foreign jurisdictions in any part of the world. Notwithstanding our masonic dependence on Great Britain is now no more, yet those fine spun chords of love and sympathy, by which the fraternity are drawn together, as a band of brothers, cemented by the most indissoluble of ties, will ever induce us to cultivate the most sociable and friendly intercourse. The means of this cultivation and improvement will probably be the frequent subject of our best and most serious disquisitions. We shall endeavor to hold forth every engaging allurement that the

members of the British Grand Lodge may approach, and apply their elegant and wonder-working fingers to finish the beauties of so well-ordered a Dome in this New Empire, and make this favorite land, what we really wish, the distinguished residence, the last best retreat of heaven-born Masonry.

And while amid the scientific labors of the lodge, elevated schemes of mutual intercourses, of paternal love will engage, and enrapture our minds: while holy and ancient mysteries warm the imagination with improvements kindred glow: while in the mournful investigation of a brothers wants, pleading pity melts our eye, and generous compassion swells the feeling bosom: while among the cheerful exertions of inoffensive mirth, of heart-enlarging friendly communication, reflection enables us to look back on our proceedings with pleasure—and conscience, the gentle monitor of every bosom, shall find nothing to dislike or disapprove—then let us embrace this opportunity to admire that Hero-King that illuminated Pole-Star of the Sublime Masonic system, whose fame as a prince is beyond all applause, and whom we may justly boast as one of the first and most distinguished friends and lovers of the Royal Art! that ancient and honorable art, for whose promotion and dignity Lodges are opened in every quarter of the globe![1]

[1] The King of Prussia, Founder of the sublime Lodge of Perfection, in this city—in whose exalted praise we beg leave to introduce the following extract from a great and modern historian.

"The King of Prussia alone hath invented a new method of disciplining armies, of heading battles, and of gaining victories. This prince who would have been better served by another nation, and certainly better commended than he could possibly be by his own; who hath not had, since Alexander, his equal in history, for extent and variety of talents, who, without having been himself formed by Greeks, hath been able to form Lacedemonians; he, in a word, who hath deserved, beyond all others, that his name should be recorded

For it is with peculiar pleasure it may be asserted, that in whatever matters men may differ and disagree, yet they are unanimous in venerating an amiable institution, which annihilates all parties, conciliates all private opinions, and renders those who by their Almighty Father were made of one blood, to be also of one heart and one mind: Brethren bound firmly, bound together by that indissoluble tie "the love of their God, and the love of their kind."

"Father of all, in every age,
In every clime adored;
By saint, by savage and by sage,
Jehovah, Jove, our Lord!
To Thee whose temple is all space,
Whose altar, earth, sea, skies,
One chorus let all beings raise,
All nature's incense rise!"

Future and more copious discussions of this high and entertaining theme, may one day perhaps (concludes our correspondent) engage pens far more able than his. For the present to attempt its eulogium would be "wasteful and superfluous excess;"—would be, in the fine language of one of our sublimest bards,

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in his age, as a distinction vying in greatness with those of the finest ages of the world; this same King of Prussia hath totally changed the principles of war, by giving in some measure to the legs an advantage over the arms; that is to say, that by the rapidity of his evolutions, and the celerity of his marches, he hath always excelled his enemies, even when he hath not conquered them, all the nations of Europe have been obliged to imitate his example, in order not to be obliged to submit to him. He will enjoy the glory, since it is one, of having raised the art of war to a degree of perfection, from which, fortunately, it cannot degenerate." (Abbe Reynal, 4th vol., p. 452, "Settlem. of East and West Indies.")

"To gild refined gold, to paint the lily;
To throw perfume on the violet:
To smooth the ice; to add another hue
Unto the rainbow; or with taper light
To seek the beauteous eye of Heav'n to garnish."

Another interesting item of our history is the number of applications made to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for warrants for new Lodges from the time that the independence of the United Colonies was virtually assured until the Grand Lodge itself declared its independence. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, ever conservative as it was, was held in such esteem throughout the country and the West Indies, that both before and after asserting its independence in 1786, there were more applications for warrants made and granted by this jurisdiction than by all the other ones in this country combined.

Thus we find that our Grand Lodge between the years 1780 and 1786 warranted Lodges in Maryland 4, Pennsylvania 6, New Jersey 2, Delaware 2, South Carolina 3, Virginia 2, Georgia 1, Cape Francois 1.

Among other matters of Masonic interest during this year was the presentation of the first petition to the new Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, from a number of brethren of Lodge No. 2, who intended to withdraw from their lodge and asking that a warrant might be granted for holding another Lodge in the City of Philadelphia. This prayer was granted at the Grand Lodge held in December 18, 1786. The

new lodge was warranted as No. 19, with Thomas Proctor, W. M., Charles Young, S. W., and John Melbeck, J. W., thus virtually reviving the warrant of the old Military Lodge attached to the Pennsylvania Artillery Regiment. Following is a list of members of the original Lodge No. 19, who applied for Grand Lodge certificates during the year 1780, one of which, that of Colonel Elias Dayton, is on exhibition in the Grand Lodge library: General William Maxwell, Colonel Elias Dayton, Rev. Doctor Andrew Hunter, Major John Hollingshead, Captain Aaron Ogden, Captain Joseph T. Anderson, Captain John Santford, Lieutenant Derrick Lane, Lieutenant John Peck, Lieutenant Anthony Maxwell, Lieutenant Peter Tallman, Lieutenant Willm Piatt, Bro. John Van Anglon, Captain Ja^{s}. Pendleton, Captain John Kean, Mr. Thos Armstrong A. Q. M.

If we turn back to the records of the original Military Lodge No. 19, attached to the Artillery Regiment commanded by Col. Proctor it will be seen from these records that when called into active service Colonel Proctor was Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 2. He then vacated, for the time being, his office as Master of No. 2, but immediately assumed the same station in Lodge No. 19, without giving up his membership in Lodge No. 2.

Among several packages of old musty papers lately resurrected from among the archives of the

ALLEN McLANE.

BORN PHILADELPHIA, PA., AUGUST 8 1746
DIED WILMINGTON, DEL., MAY 22, 1829.

Provincial Grand Lodge, yellow with age and covered with the dust of a century, there was one containing the applications of members for Grand Lodge certificates, covering the period from 1780 to 1786, when the Provincial Grand Lodge ceased to exist, by declaring itself free and independent. The following applications from brethren of Lodge No. 2 were found in the package:

Captain Alexander Thomson Ogilvie, January 14, 1780. Signed by Jaco. Bankson, Master Lodge No. 2. Endorsement: "Assist. Waggon Master for Two years from 1st Feby., 1778, to 1st Janr.–Feby, 1780. Captains Rank in Militia, In the Pay Rations."

Brother Allen McLane,[2] February 28, 1780. Signed

[2] McLane, Allen, born in Philadelphia, Pa., August 8, 1746, and removed to Kent County, Delaware, 1774. In 1775 was appointed Lieutenant in Colonel Cæsar Rodney's Regiment of Delaware Militia, and in 1776 joined Washington's army and was distinguished in actions at Long Island, at White Plains, Trenton and Princeton. Commissioned Captain and assigned to Colonel John Patton's Additional Continental Regiment, January 13, 1777. His partisan company was in service on outposts of Philadelphia, Pa., during its occupation by enemy, 1777–1778; attached to Delaware Regiment, Continental Establishment, December 16, 1778, and to Major Lee's Partisan Corps, July 13, 1779; present at siege of, and surrender at, Yorktown, and retired from service, November 9, 1782. After the war settled at Smyrna Delaware, was a member and Speaker of the Delaware Legislature, for six years was a privy councillor, for many years Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and United States Marshal of the Delaware District from 1790 to 1798. Also Collector of the Port of Wilmington from 1808 to date of his death, which occurred May 22, 1829. Buried in Asbury Church cemetery, Wilmington, Delaware.

by the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens and Secretary.

JACO. BANKSON
Mas^r. Lodge No. 2
SAML. JERVIS S. W.
WM. C. BRADFORD J. W

GEORGE A. BAKER
Secretary Lodge No. 2

Bro. Lemuel Savadge, March 7, 1780.

Bro. John Angus, March 15, 1780. Endorsed: "Grand Certificate granted March 15, 1780."

Bro. Charles Jones, August 9, 1780.

Bro. Henry Hilton, October 3, 1780.

Bro. John Bartram, Jr., May 25, 1781. Endorsed: "Granted W. Moore Smith, G. Sec'y."

Bro. Stephen Gregory, December 1, 1780.

Bro. Thomas White.

PHILAD^A 25 Nov. 1782

Sir

Our Brother Lieut. Thomas White, a regularly rais'd free mason in Lodge No. 2, has applied to me for a certificate of his being such, in consequence of his going abroad. Wherefore request you will grant him one with the grand Seal affix^d, expressive of his being a worthy brother, and deserving of such a testimony of merit from his Lodge, which I am happy to assure you is my sentiments of him.

With brotherly Esteem I am Dr sir
Yrs affty

This is to Certify that Brother Allen McLane is a Regular Registred Master Mason of Lodge No. 2. Antient-York-Masons of the City of Philadel-phia and State of Pennsylvania; and as such do Recommend him for a Grand Certificate; he having paid his Dues.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Lodge, this Twenty-Eighth day of February A.D. 1780. and in the Year of Masonry 5780.

Fac-Simile of Col. Allen McLane's Application.

Bro. Jos. Howell, Sec G. L. Chas. Young, Mr. No. 2.

Endorsed: "Grand Certificate granted the 30th Nov., 1782."

Bro. David Hamilton, December 26, 1782.

Bro. Edward Weyman, December 26, 1782. Endorsed: "Can only add that as Master of No. 2 I am sorry that the Lodge is likely to become a sufferer by Brother Weymans quiting us." Richard Wistar, Mr. No. 2.

Bro. Isaac Melcher,[2a] 14th February, 1783.

Bro. William Keeler, 18th February, 1783. "A worthy good Brother."

Bro. Gifford Dally, March 27, 1783. "His business calls him to another State."

Bro. John Irwin.

Sir

Capt. John Irwin who sets off to morrow morning for Balto. to settle there, begs me to request you to grant him a certificate. I vouch for him to be a Master Mason of Lodge No. 2, and no objections to his character since he has entered the fraternity, Mr. Ferral will inform you what he is due to the Lodge, which with your fee, I shall see paid this Evening.

Geo Hopes, *Secy No. 2.*

Philada 27th May, 1783.

[2a] Bro. Isaac Melcher was one of the prominent German citizens of Philadelphia, who actively espoused the Patriot cause. This family consisted of three brothers—Adam, Isaac and Leonard all active members of Lodge No. 2 as well as of the German Society of Pennsylvania.

Bro. John Quin, November 17, 1784. "Has behaved himself as becomes a true and faithful Brother."

Bro. Major Thomas Bartholomew Bowen, 8th of May, 1785. "He has behaved as a good member, and paid up his Lodge Dues."

Bro. Jacob G. Koch, 8th of May, 1785.

Bro. Anthony Joseph Ferrara Roche, July 21, 1785.

Bro. Robert Crozier, November 10, 1785.

Bro. Louis Dorsiere, May 8, 1786. "He hath paid up all Lodge dues and during his continuance among us hath behaved himself as a true and worthy Brother." Signed by Alex. Rutherford, Master; Jno. Bartram, Jr., S. W.; Jos. Dean, J. W.

Bro. Fredrik William Starman, May 22, 1786. Regrets "that he will be deprived of that singular happiness, which he so often enjoyed in your meetings."

The Masonic year of 5786 was fittingly closed by a procession and religious services in St. Paul's Church on St. John the Evangelist's Day, December 27, the proceeds of which went to the relief of the poor. The sermon was preached by Rev. Joseph Pilmore, the prayer by Rev. Bro. Samuel Magaw. Both were published in separate editions in Philadelphia and New York and were dedicated to Bro. Benjamin Franklin—"An illustrious Brother, whose distinguished Merit among Masons, Entitles him to their highest veneration."

A

SERMON,

PREACHED in St. PAULS CHURCH

PHILADELPHIA,

On WEDNESDAY, 27th, December, 1786.

BEING THE

Anniversary of St. JOHN the EVANGELIST:

FOR THE RELIEF OF THE POOR:

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE FRATERNITY OF

THE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

Of PENNSYLVANIA.

By the Rev. JOSEPH PILMORE,

Rector of the united Churches of Trinity, St. Thomas, and All-Saints.

Η ΦΙΛΑΔΕΛΦΙΑ ΜΕΝΕΤΩ

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114 TITLE PAGE TO CHARITY SERMON, 1786.

To His Excellency
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Eſq.
Preſident of the Supreme Executive Council of the State of
Pennſylvania:
A moſt ſublime Philoſopher;
The Friend of his Country,
A great and ſucceſsful Aſſerter of
Liberty, with all the Rights
Eſſential to the happineſs of human
Nature:
An illuſtrious Brother,
Whoſe diſtinguiſhed Merit among
Maſons
Entitles him to their higheſt Veneration;
Whoſe Eminent and long eſtabliſhed
Virtues
Endear him to his fellow Citizens:
As a ſmall Teſtimony of the
Moſt ſincere and cordial Affection,
The following Sermon
Is very reſpectfully inſcribed,

By the AUTHOR.

Dedication of Charity Sermon, 1786.

January 9, 1786.—Stated Lodge—Present Bro A Rutherford Master, Twelve members, five Visitors:—Wm Adcock R. W. G. M,—Jas. Whitehead D. G. Sec'y—J. Martin—J. Hammet—M. Whitehead.

A Masters Lodge was opened in due Form, when the R. W Grand Master then present informed the Lodge that Bro. James Whitehead, Member of Lodge No 3, was appointed their Deputy Grand Secretary, and was pleased to order sd Brother to pass the Chair being inconvenient for the Grand Lodge to call a Grand Lodge for that purpose. The Master Masons then present withdrew and sd Bro. Whitehead was passed the Chair with the usual ceremonies necessary on the occasion.

Mr John Dentzel a Modern Mason, being favorably reported, was ballotted for and found worthy.

Bro Wm Kunkel applied for a Lodge Certificate—

Resolved, that the members pay their Lodge dues every stated night to the Treasurer—The Secretary is ordered to issue out Special Summons to every member to attend next Stated Night and pay up his Lodge dues.

February 13, 1786.—Stated Lodge—Present A. Rutherford Master—Ten Members, and James Grant, a Visitor

REV. JOSEPH PILMORE.

BORN ENGLAND, OCTOBER 31, 1730; DIED PHILADELPHIA, JULY 24, 1825.

FROM COPY IN POSSESSION OF NORRIS S. BARRATT

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form, when Bros. Kunkel—Angus—Evans—and Wadman, paid up their Lodge dues—making in the whole £ 9—1—8.

Bros. Rutherford — Kunckel — Evans — Angus — Dorsiere—Dean—Wadman and Westcott paid Each 1 Shill. 10½ d. for Refreshments.—

February 25, 1786.—Extra Lodge—Present—Bro A Rutherford Mast^r—ten members—three Visitors:—Delaney N° 3—G. Hamilton—Wilson

An E. A. Lodge being opened in due form—A dispensation from the R W. G. M. in favor of Mr Jno Clark of Yorktown was read—balloted for—approved and Entered. Lodge closed and a F. C lodge opened when Bro Clark was passed to the degree of a F. C.

February 27, 1786.—Extra Lodge held at Lodge room N° 3 in Videll's Alley. Present Bro Alex Rutherford W. M.—Thos. Proctor S. W. pt—Jacob Bankson J. W. pt.—Andrew Bankson S. D. pt (No 13)—Nuvark (No 3) J. D. pt—Asheton Humphreys Sec'y p. t.—Benj. Nones—W. Shirtliff—P. Wadman—Jno. Milbeck—Solomon Etting. Seven Visitors—James Whitehead—John Whitehead—John Hammel Wm Richardson—Landenberger—Few—Haley.

A Masters Lodge being opened in due Form, Bro John Clark was raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason.

March 13, 1786.—Stated Lodge—present Bro Alex.

Rutherford—Six Members—three Visitors—Bros Delany P. M. N° 3—Willson and Jackson.

An E. A. Lodge being opened in due form—A note from Lodge No 4 to No 2—giving Notice, that John Hamilton and John Kackler both of this City were balloted for and rejected.

March 28, 1786.—Extra Lodge, held at Lodge Room No 3 in Videll's Alley—Present Bro Alex Rutherford Mast^r Nine Members,—Eleven Visitors.

An E. A. Lodge being opened in due form a Dispensation from the R. W. G. Master in favor of Richard Burland of Baltimore was read, and being warmly recomended by Bro Proctor and others, and there being no objection he was balloted for approved and Entered—The expenses of the night were paid by Bro Burland, and no Collection was made.

March 29, 1786.—Extra Lodge—Present—Bro Alex. Rutherford—ten members and nine Visitors.

A. F. C. Lodge opened in due form, when Bro Burland was passed to the degree of a F. C.—

April 10, 1786.—Stated Lodge—Present—Bro Alex Rutherford Mast^r—John Bartram, S. W.—Joseph Dean, J. W John Irwin S. D. pt—John Melbeck—J. D. Robert Crozier Sec'y. Ash. Humphreys—Jacob Bankson.—Praise Wadman—Louis Dorsiere.—Visitors—Bros Wilson—Hansfold—Goffegin—Bankson.—

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form.—On Motion of the W. M. and Seconded it is ordered that each member of this Lodge furnish himself with an apron,

and the W. M. is appointed to furnish the Lodge with eighteen new aprons for the use of Visiting brethren

An E. A. Lecture was given by the W. Master.

May 8, 1786.—Stated Lodge—Present. Bro Alex Rutherford W. M—Eight members.—ten Visitors.

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form.—The W. M furnished the Lodge with 24 new aprons—Cost 28 Shillings.

Mr Geo Knox who petitioned this Lodge the 12th Decr last as a Modern Mason proved upon Examination to be an Antient Mason, balloted for and admitted.

Bros. Charles Brown and Geo Knox having presented the Lodge two Marble pillars & five orders of Architecture as a free Gift, the W. M. in the name of the Lodge returned the Lodges thanks to them for the same.

The W. M. then gave an E. A. Lecture.

Received for Refreshment 24/ 4½d.

Received of Bro John Teller £ 1—7—3. which we suppose to be his Lodge dues (Exclusive of the Ten years which he was absent) which the Lodge thought proper to forgive, as Bro Teller applied before he went away for a Certificate, butt for want of time could not obtain it.

June 20, 1786.—Extra Lodge—Present—Bro Alex Rutherford Mastr—Jno Bartram S. W.—Joseph Dean, J. W.—Jno McLean S. D—Chas. Brown J. D. Geo. Wescott, Treasurer. Robt. Crozier, Sec'y. Praise

Wadman Rev. Wm Smith.—Doct^{r} Smith. Visitors Jno. Starling—Bros Carrel and Cattrell.

An E. A. Lodge being opened in due form. This being a Lodge Called for the purpose of choosing officers for the ensuing Six Months, we proceeded to the Election, and we elected as follows:—viz:—

Bro	Isaac Pennington	Master	Bro	McLean	S. D
"	Joseph Bartram	S. W.	"	Brown	J D
"	Joseph Dean	J. W	"	Wadman	Steward
"	Wescott	Treasurer	"	Robt Crozier	Sec'y

Bros Bartram—Dean and Wescott are appointed a committe to inform him of his being elected Master for the ensuing six Months.—

The Secretary is ordered to issue summons for the members to meet here on Saturday 10 O'Clock being St John's Day.

Pd Bro. Wadman for Refreshments £ 1—4—3.

We have no minute as to St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24, 1786. That it was kept, with the usual feast and attendant social feature, is shown by the following musical program, a copy of which has fortunately come down to us:

The feast of St. John the Baptist's Day, 1786, was celebrated with considerable ceremony. Unfortunately no minute was made of it—the only thing that has come down to us from that festive occasion is the following ode sung by the Brethren:

For the Festival of St. John the Baptist, June 24, 5786.

The Close of the Provincial Grand Lodge

Addressed to the Worshipful Master and Brethren of Lodge No. 2 of Ancient York Masons, Philadelphia.

Tribus aut novem
Miscenter Cyathis Pocula commodis.
Qui Musas amat impares,
Ternos ter Cyathos attonitus petet
Vates: . . . . . Horace.

FULL CHORUS

Jove in his Chair.
Hail Masonry!
Blest beam from on high!
Let thy aid,
Here display'd,
Our bosoms refine:
To Saint John,
Raise the song;
Let our lays:
Sound the praise
Of Masonry divine.

Swift from the skies,
The white-rob'd Seraph flies;
Sent by Jove,
From above,
With a pure spotless train.
From on high, in her eye,
We descry, sympathy,
When she smiles,
She beguiles
Grief and pain.

The muses inspire,
To join the loud choir,
And echo the joyous glad strain.

RECITATIVE

On out-stretched wings of radiant cherubs borne,
More bright than evening bow, or ruddy morn;
With her, lo! charity from Heaven descends,
And glorious freedom in her train attends.

SONG.

Serenely meek in smiles array'd,
Seraphic ardours on her wait,
Celestial virtues shine display'd,
Celestial pomp adorns her state.

RECITATIVE

Around her throne, obsequious move,
Soft compassion, pious love,
Melting pity, hopes that cheer,
And from the wretched drives despair:
Divine benevolence before her stands,
Grace in her smiles, and bounty in her hands.

AIR.

She comes, religion to restore,
To banish care from ev'ry breast;
To raise the sick, relieve the poor,
And give the weak and weary'd rest.

All hail! celestial goddess hail!
O Masonry sublime!
Propitious spread thy sacred veil,
And cover ev'ry crime.

Thy sacrifice all sin attones,
  And still accepted mounts on high;
You ease the wretched brother's groans,
  You wipe the tear from sorrow's eye.

You brighten ev'ry mortal gloom,
  You soften anguish, banish strife;
You smooth our passage to the tomb.
  And fit us for eternal life.

RECITATIVE

As Phoebus in the radiant east displays
His glorious orb, and sends abroad his rays,
The life-inspiring influence spreading round,
To cheer mankind, and fructify the ground:
Within our sacred walls the goddess stands,
Her train, attentive, wait our just commands
Forth at the word each willing cherub springs,
And scatters blessings from its ambient wings;
Knowledge to some, and happiness to all,
Where e'er dispers'd around the spacious ball.

AIR.

Devote to thee
There goddess see
Thy vot'ries knell!
They fervent feel
  Thy soul-exalting fire.
Rejoic'd they rise,
Above the skies,
  Where heav'nly minds aspire,
Celestial guest,
Inflame each breast,

With social ardours, mutual love!
Still, more refin'd,
Make human kind,
'Till each be like the blest above.

RECITATIVE

Hail Masonry—thou principal divine!
In which, unnumbered joys incessant shine;
Whose heav'nly influence dilates the mind,
That glows with charity to all mankind;
Thou perfect emblem of the bliss above
He dwells in God, who dwells in boundless love.

SONG. *Dorsetshire March.*

Let brethren join hands in support of their laws,
For Heav'n smiles on us, and prospers our cause:
The Lodge which arose under holy Saint John,
New lustre receives under Great Washington.

Then enter the holy of holies again,
With innocence blest, and with hands pure from stain;
Our patron shall smile from the regions above,
And crown us with peace and with brotherly love.

GRAND CHORUS.

PHILADELPHIA, June 24, 5786.

July 10, 1786.—Stated Lodge—Present—Bro Alex. Rutherford Mast^r—A. Humphreys, S. W—T. Proctor, J. W. J. McLean, S. D—C Brown J. D.—R. Crozier, Sec'y M. Cohen.—Visitors Bro. Duplicee P. M. 1st time [Du Plessis] Danl Cassel—Alex Christie—Cotterel—Fitzgerrald.

A Master Masons Lodge opened in due Form, when

Bro. Thos. Proctor verbally petitioned the Lodge for the initiation of Doct. Jacob Tobey of Chester. Referred to Bros Humphreys, Proctor and McLean.

A petition was read from Bro John Park requesting the loan of Twenty five guineas, for which he offers Bros Eleazer Oswald & Thomas Proctor Security, it was moved by the W. M. and Carried that the Lodge should let Bro Park have the Sum of £ 43—15—0, if the Treasurer has as much in the funds. And to take Bro. Park's note for the same endorsed by Bros Procter & Oswald.

Bro Duplicee [Duplessis] proposed renting this Lodge a Room. The W. M. & Bro Humphreys are appointed a Committee to view the Room and report next Stated Night—Pd for Refreshments 14/6

July 27, 1786.—Extra Lodge—Present—Bro A. Humphreys Mast^r—five Members.

A Master Masons Lodge opened in due form

Bro. Pennington our Master elect having declared to that he could not serve in the office which he was elected. The Lodge went into another election when Bro Asheton Humphreys was duly elected Master. The W. M. who was one of the Committe appointed last stated night to view Bro Duplessis Room, Made report that the Room would not Answer, he at the same time informed the Lodge that they should be at no loss for want of a Room for they could have the use of the Sublime Lodge.[3]

[3] This lodge room was in Black Horse Alley east of Second Street.

The Secretary is ordered to issue Summons for the Members to Meet here on Tuesday next at 8 O'Clock in the Morning for the Installment of Officers—

August 6, 1786.—Extra Lodge. Present Bro Alex —Rutherford, Mast^r—John Bartram S. W.—Joseph Dean, J. W.—Abram Jones S. D. pt.—Chas. Brow J. D.—George Wescott, Treas.—Robt. Crozier, Sec'y—Asheton Humphreys—Thomas Proctor—Peace Weidman.

A. M. M Lodge being opened in due form, when the following Brethren were installed according to "Antient" usage:—Viz:—Asheton Humphreys, W. M. J. Bartram, S. W.—Jos. Dean, J. W.—Geo. Wescott, Treas. Robt Crozier Sec'y.

Lodge Closed in Harmony at half past 10 O'Clock in the Morning.

August 13, 1786.—Stated Lodge—Present—Bro A. Humphreys W. M—Eight Members and Jno Starling No 44[4] a Visitor.

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form, when Dr Jacob Tobin was balloted for, approved and Entered—Bro Jacob Bankson was appointed his Guardian

A petition was read from Martha Walker for an allowance. The petition appearing to have been addressed to Lodge No 3, the sense of the Body being taken it was thought advisable that the Petition be returned to No 3. and upon their recomendation or the

[4] Lodge 44, held at Duck Creek Cross Roads, Delaware, warrant granted June 24, 1785.

knowledge of other persons the Matter undergo an "Invistigation" at the next Stated Lodge night, but under the present circumstances the Lodge cannot consider it an object of their Attention

A petition was read from Bro Fdk. Wm Starman (now a resident in New York) dated 22^{d} May requesting a Certificate,—So ordered after paying all Lodge dues until the date of the petition.

The Sublime Lodge having offered this Lodge the use of their Room, it is agreed that this Lodge meet there for three Months on such terms as shall be agreeable to the Members of the Sublime Lodge.

Bros. Rutherford—Dean & Wadman are appointed a Committe to remove the furniture of this Lodge to the Sublime Lodge.

The s^{d} Committe are authorized to rent a place for Bro. Beck for three months after his leaving this place at the expense of this Lodge—

September 11, 1786.—Stated Lodge—Present—Bro A. Humphreys W. M. Eight Members—four Visitors: —Bros Josiah Haines—Lawson—Watt—Hamell.

An E. A. Lodge, opened in due form. A dispensation from the R. W. G. Master was read in favor of Mr Thos. Clark Trotman—balloted for, found worthy and Entered. An Application for Charity was received from Archibald McBride of Lodge No 213.—Referred to the Standing Committe on Charity. Lodge Closed—

A *F. C. Lodge opened* when Bro Clark Trotman, was passed to the degree of a F. C.

September 21, 1786.—Extra Lodge. Present—Bro A. Humphreys W. M.—Nine Members—Six Visitors: —Bro Delany No 3—Hamilton No 3—Jones No 4—Stubin—Gronovoly, No 149—Marshall.

An E. A. Lodge being opened in due form; and by virtue of two Dispensations from the R. W. G. Master, following Gentlemen were balloted for Seperately—found worthy and received the first step in Masonry: Viz—Florence Donovan and Abram Bickley.—

Bro John Park, made this Lodge a present of a Book entitled the "Use and Abuse of Freemasonry" by Bro Capt Smith of Woolwich, The W. M. returned the Lodges thanks to Bro Park for the same.

A petition was read from Bro Samuel Gionovoly of No 149 So. Carolina praying some Assistance—referred to Committe on Charity—

Bro Rutherford was appointed Guardian to Bro. Donovan, and Bro. Crozier to Bro Bickley, to instruct them in the mysteries of the first step in Masonry.

October 9, 1786.—Stated Lodge. Present Bro A. Humphreys W. M. Eight Members.

An E. A. Lodge, being opened, the W. M. informed the Lodge that the Committe on Charity had given Bro Gionovoly a distressed Brother thirty shillings, Lodge Closed.

A M. M. Lodge opened when Bro Thos. C. Trotman was raised to the Sublime degree of a M. M. Lodge

closed. A F. C. Lodge opened, when Bro Abram. Bickley was passed to the degree of a F. C.

Bro. Proctor informed the Lodge that Several Members of this Lodge having petitioned the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for a Warrant, and that it was necessary to have the approbation of this Lodge to withdraw upon their paying up their dues, he therefore prayed the Approbation of this Lodge might be granted but the Lodge being thin the same was referred to the next Meeting.

November 13, 1786.—Stated Lodge—Present Bro A. Humphreys W. M. Seven Members—Seven Visitors

An E. A. Lodge opened, an application for Membership was Made by Bro Alex. Moore formerly a Member of N° 4. balloted for and admitted

The W. M. presented the Lodge with the Book which was given to this Lodge by Bro Park—The W. M. in the Name of the Lodge is requested to return the Lodge's thanks to Bro Park for the Same.

December 11, 1786.—Stated Lodge Night. Present Bro Humphreys—W. M. Seven Members—Three Visitors.—

An E. A. Lodge opened, A letter was read from Thos Craft—in answer to one which Bro. Rutherford had written him on the subject of Monies Bro Von Mörn had received and kept in his hands—the property of this Lodge which appeared by no means satisfactory, however the same was held under advisement.

A Letter was read from the Dep. Grand Secretary

advising this Lodge that the Grand Lodge on September Last had Declared and established themselves a Grand Lodge Independent of Great Britain or any other Authority, and requesting them to accept a fresh Warrant under the said Authority, and to surrender the old one.

Ordered that this Lodge do surrender up their Old Warrant on receiving the first one as Mentioned by the Grand Lodge.

Bro Proctor's requisition made on October last and held under advisement, being called up, it was agreed that the same should be Complied with.

A letter was read from the Dep. Gr. Sec'y relative to returns having been sent to them from sundry Lodges under this Jurisdiction, whereby it appeared they had expelled a number of Brethren by Virtue of their By-Laws.—Held under advisement.—

Bro Edw. Evans exhibited a Complaint against Bro Wm Milnor—Ordered that a Committe be appointed to settle the same—Bros. Wadman and Dean were named for that purpose—In case of failure in the settlement of this business, by the said Committe, the Sec'y is hereby required to send Bro. Milnor a special Summons to attend the Lodge on this occasion, next Stated night.[5]

A petition was presented by Jos. Ellis a Modern Mason referred to Bros Rutherford and Dean to report thereon next Stated Night.

[5] All the original papers of this controversy are still in the Grand Lodge Library.

A

PRAYER,

DELIVERED IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

PHILADELPHIA,

On WEDNESDAY, 27th December, 1786.

BEING THE

Anniversary of St. JOHN the EVANGELIST;

AFTER THE PROPER DIVINE SERVICE OF THE DAY,

And before the SERMON

TO THE HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF

The FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS *Of PENNSYLVANIA.*

BY DR. MAGAW.

PHILADELPHIA:
PRINTED BY ELEAZER OSWALD,
AT THE COFFEE-HOUSE.
M,DCC,LXXXVII.

PRAYER REPEATED IN 1793.

FOR FULL TEXT OF THIS PRAYER SEE PAGE 193 ET. SEQ.

ORIGINAL IN GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

Philadelphia, January 2, 1787.

IN GRAND LODGE,

RESOLVED *that the ſincere Thanks of this Lodge be given to the Rev. Dr. MAGAW, for his excellent Prayer delivered by him on St. John's Day laſt; and that the Committee appointed to arrange the Order of that Day, acquaint him with this Reſolution, and ſolicit the Prayer for Publication. Alſo, that Mr. ADGATE be waited on by them, and informed of the grateful Senſe the Brethren entertain of his polite Attention to their Requeſt, in cauſing the Uranian Society to attend and ſing the Anthem annexed, which they are alſo required to requeſt for Publication.*

Atteſt,

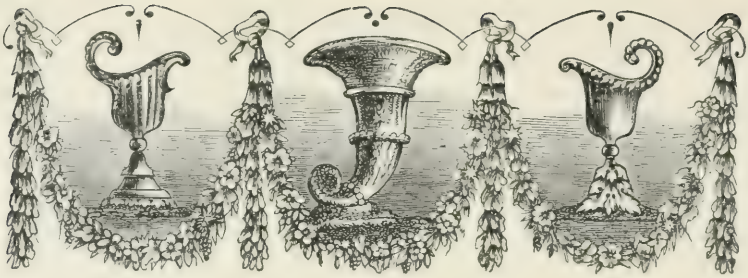
ASSHETON HUMPHREYS, *G. Sec'ry.*

Bros. Hamilton and Thompson a Committe from the Sublime Lodge applied to this Lodge in order to settle the terms on which they are to continue to occupy this room. Bros Wadman and Dean are appointed to adjust the same, with the said Committe from the sublime Lodge.—Adjourned until Next Monday Evening.

December 23, 1786.—Extra Lodge—Present—Bro. A. Humphreys W. M. J. Bartram, S. W.—T. Proctor J. W.—R. Crozier, Sec'y.—T. Rice,—M. Cohen,—J. Gostelowe—Visitor—Bro J. Martin.

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form.—This being a Lodge called for the purpose of chusing Officers for the ensuing Six Months.—We proceed to the election, and were chosen and duly elected, as follows: Bro John Bartram Master—Bro. Jos. Dean S. W. Bro. Thos. Rice J. W.—Bro Humphreys Treas.—Bro Robt Crozier, Sec'y.—It was moved by Bro. Proctor to proceed for the installment of Officers, and Seconded, and accordingly this Lodge was closed, and a Master Masons Lodge was then opened, and the following Brethren were installed according to antient usage: Viz—John Bartram Master—Thos. Rice J. W. Asheton Humphreys Treas. and Robt Crozier Sec'y.

The Secretary paid for Refreshments 15/.



CHAPTER XVII.

Under the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, 1787–1792.

AS set forth in the previous chapter the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania declared its independence from any other authority whatever on September 25, 1786. Heretofore little or nothing was known of the particulars of this separation from the parent body from which Pennsylvania Masonry derived its existence. The finding of some of the correspondence by Bro. Sachse in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of England during the summer of 1908 was the first intimation to the Masonic world of this interesting episode. The documents in London were photographed and copied. The finding during the present winter by Bro. John A. Perry in the Secretary's vault of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania of a bundle of old papers which proved to be some scraps of the rough minutes and memoranda dating from 1765 to 1795, enable us, for the first time, to tell the story of how the Grand

Lodge of Pennsylvania advised the parent body of its action.

At the communication held September 28, 1786, Bros. Edward Fox, J. B. Smith and Thomas D. Smith were appointed a committee to draft a letter to be sent to the Grand Lodge of England taking a formal leave of them.

At the adjourned communication, October 16, 1786, the committee laid before the Grand Lodge the following farewell letter to the Grand Lodge of England, which, being read, was unanimously adopted, approved and signed by all of the Grand Officers.

Brethren

We salute you in all Love and Respect. We acknowledge your past Goodness, and We pray your kind and candid Acceptance of this Address from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

It having pleased the Grand Master of all Events in human affairs, to dissolve the Political Connection which subsisted between your Country and ours when We were honored with your Warrant, and to change the Situation of this Country into that of a Sovereignty instead of a Province, it has seemed meet to the Brethren here no longer to consider themselves as a Provincial Lodge. Knowing also that those who are not enlightened, being ignorant of our Institution are ever jealous of improper designs and practices, the Brethren have thought it a duty they owe to the Government that protects them, to leave no Occasion of Offence to them by our continuing to acknowledge a foreign Jurisdiction the Extent of which they cannot comprehend. They have accordingly at a Quarterly

Communication held in this City at which were present the officers of particular Lodges under their Jurisdiction and Delegates especially appointed and authorized for this purpose resolved as appears by the enclosed copy of their proceedings. We hope and trust that this procedure will meet your approbation; and that we shall continue to receive your salutary councils & brotherly advise and Communications upon every Occasion which may occur to you as requiring it, and on our part we shall look up to you as venerable Masters and Instructors in the Royal Art whenever we find ourselves lacking in Knowledge.

We shall wish never to forget that in love and Harmony you and We are one, and shall be happy in every Opportunity that may offer of shewing by an Interchange of good Offices that your Brethren are also Ours and Ours Yours in every good Word and Work. We are with all the Mystical Honors, in the Name and Behalf of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in Ample Form assembled

Your truly affectionate Brethren
and very hble Servants

Philad^a. October 16. 1786.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of England.	WILL: ADCOCK	G. M.
	J. B. SMITH,	D. G. M.
	JOS DEAN,	S. G. W.
	GEORGE ORD	J. G. W.

Attest
ASHTON HUMPHREYS, *Grand Secretary*

This letter was at once sent to England, addressed to the R. W. Grand Secretary, Laurence Dermott. It was dated October 16, 1786, together with a personal and explanatory epistle.[1]

This communication does not appear to have been received by the authorities in England, as no acknowledgment of it reached the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. After a lapse of two years a duplicate of this letter was sent to England by Bro. Solomon Bush, a member of Lodge No. 2. This was dated November 10, 1788. Brother Bush, upon his arrival in London, by mistake delivered the communication into the hands of the Modern Grand Lodge. It is this second letter from Philadelphia which was found in London, and of which a facsimile is now on exhibition in the Museum of the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia. The officials of this Grand Body thinking that it was a missive from the Grand Lodge of Moderns in Philadelphia over which William Allen and Benjamin Franklin had presided, but which had ceased during the revolutionary period, as already explained, sent the following spicy reply to our Grand Officers.

(Letter Book No. 3, Grand Lodge of England, page 283):

[1] Lawrence Dermott, as Gould states (ii., 435), "was the most remarkable Mason that ever existed." Born in Ireland, 1720, initiated into Masonry in 1740—W. M. Lodge No. 26, Dublin, 1746—two years later went to England; affiliated with Moderns, 1748; later shifted to the "Ancients" and in 1752 was elected Grand Secretary, which office he filled until 1771, when he was appointed Deputy Grand Master, serving until 1777. He was again Deputy from 1783 until 1787. Consequently the Communication addressed to him by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as Grand Secretary did not reach England until he was out of all office.

WILLIAM ADCOCK Esq. J. B. SMITH Esq.
JOS. DEAN Esq. GEORGE ORD Esq.

PHILADELPHIA

Brethren

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of November 10—1788 rec[d] in November last from Col. Bush advising that it had seemed meet to the Brethren of Pennsylvania no longer to consider themselves as a Provincial Grand Lodge, and had therefore established themselves into a Grand Lodge, in reply I am directed by the Grand Master and Grand Officers to express their surprise and concern at such a step taken without any previous intimation,—their concern you must be convinced does not arise from any pecuniary loss which the Grand Lodge can sustain by the separation of the Brethren of Pennsylvania, but from the injury done to the society at large, by detached parts of it assuming the rank and Jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge, instead of uniting to form one great extensive and respectable Body concenter'd under one common Head for their general welfare, and which Head can surely be no where more properly placed than in the Grand Lodge from whence they all derive and which at no period was ever in a more prosperous and honorable situation than at present when it is patronized and encouraged by the Most Illustrious characters in this Country.

The ostensible reason given for your separation being that the political connection between your Country and ours being disolved cannot of itself be considered as sufficient to warrant your proceedings.

Masonry being an universal and beautiful System of Philanthropy unconnected with the politicks of States or modes of Religion with which the maxims of the Craft wisely forbids us to meddle lest dissentions might ensue.—That it

is viewed in this light by our foreign Brethren is evident from many Kingdoms and Sovereign States of Europe, continuing to hold as Provincial Grand Lodges and considering their parent as their centre of Union.

I am directed to assure you that the Grand Lodge of England ever ready to promote the extension and universality of the order will continue to acknowledge and receive in its Lodge the Brethren initiated in the Lodges of America.

With fraternal regard and Respect I have the honor to be.[2]

The surprise of the Pennsylvania brethren may well be surmised when they received this epistle from the Grand Lodge of Moderns in London, owing to the blunder of Bro. Bush in delivering it to the wrong body.

This reply signed by Bro. William White, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Moderns, was read at the Grand Communication, December 6, 1790, whereupon, on motion and seconded, the R. W. Grand Master, Bros. Dr. Wm. Smith, McCree, Vanden Brock and Few were appointed a committee to consider the said letter, prepare an answer, and report at the next communication.

This committee, however, did not make any report until the communication held June 6, 1791, when they presented an answer which was read and approved, and the same committee were requested to procure a fair copy of it, that it may be signed by the Grand Secretary and forwarded, which was done. Follow-

[2] The signature to above letter is missing in the original.

ing is a verbatim copy of this interesting document, found in the library of the Grand Lodge of England.

(Letter Book No. 3, Grand Lodge of England, pages 284–285–286):

PHILADELPHIA November 18. 1791

Brother

Your favor of the 27th March 1790 directed to William Adcock—J. B. Smith,—Joseph Dean and George Ord Esqrs. has been duly received by the hands of Brother Bush.—And in reply I am directed to inform you, that the communication from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, with which he was charged, was intended for the Grand Lodge over which the Marquis of Antrim now presides, but by mistake it has been delivered to yours.

This mistake has very naturally, led you to suppose that the communication came from the successors of those Brethren who formerly obtained a Provincial Warrant from your Grand Lodge; But this is also a mistake for that warrant has long ceased to Operate in Pennsylvania, and the Body that obtained it has been many years entirely extinct.—

The present Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was originally organized under the ancient Grand Lodge, by virtue of a warrant granted to them, in the year 5764 [sic] When the Right Honorable Thomas Earl Kelly was Grand Master. Consequently it was to that Grand Lodge that they intended to account for their conduct, and to them only could the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania with Propriety, address their reasons for assuming an Independent Jurisdiction

The Grand Lodge however with pleasure avail themselves of this occasion, to express their attachment to the Royal Craft, under whatever authority it may be conducted and to assure you, that they regard your Grand Lodge with senti-

ments of the highest respect and veneration—But Masonry, as you justly observe, being a universal and Beautiful system of Philanthropy, unconnected with modes of Religion, or plans of Poleticks; it does not therefore require any concentration of Authority to render it flourishing and respectable: On the contrary, perhaps the extention of the craft would be best promoted by the diffusion of Jurisdiction, since it is certain that the energy and vigor which proceed from the seat of power, decline in proportion to the distance at which it operates.

The erecting of new Grand Lodges therefore, cannot be considered as injurious to the Fraternity so long as they exercise exclusive authority, over a district, whose limits is ascertained.—It is only when their jurisdiction clashes and interferes, that disorder and confusion arise, of which disgrace and disunion are the inevitable consequences.—But while their jurisdiction and authority continue distinct and seperate, they move in the most perfect harmony and order, like the Orbs of Heaven revolving round the Sun, each, in its own sphere reciprocally vivified and Enlightened, and all, bound in one splendid system, by the powerfully attractive influence of that Divine principle of Friendship, affection and Knowledge, which is their common centre and which is the Glory and the boast of our ancient Institution.

Full of this energetic principle, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, although they have rejected all foreign authority, yet still continue to regard the Brethren in England with unabated warmth of affection; and as they have nothing so much at heart as a more intimate Masonic Union of all the parts of our widely extended Order, they will therefore be happy to keep up that fraternal communication with your Grand Lodge to which an accident has given a beginning

and which in their opinion, is absolutely necessary to the general welfare.

With fraternal regard and respect I have the Honor to be

Brother

Your most obed^{t} Humble Servant

P. Le Barbier Duplessis D. G. S^{y}

William White, Esq.

It will be noted that up to this time, November, 1791, the Grand Lodge of Ancients had received no official notification of the secession of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held forth under their warrant granted July 15, 1761.

To properly notify the parent body the following motion was made at the adjourned communication held October 14, 1791:

"On Motion and seconded, Resolved, that the R^{t} W^{l} G^{d} officers be requested to forward by Bro. Eleazer Oswald[3] such

[3] Eleazer Oswald, born in England about 1755, died in New York, September 30, 1795. When disputes arose between Great Britain and the American colonies his sympathies became enlisted in the American cause, and he came to this country about 1770. He served under Benedict Arnold at Ticonderoga, and became his secretary. At Quebec he commanded a forlorn hope after Arnold was wounded. He was made lieutenant-colonel of Col. John Lamb's regiment of artillery on January 1, 1777, had a high reputation for skill as an artillerist, distinguished himself under Arnold at Compo, and was praised for his gallantry in the official reports of the battle of Monmouth. Leaving the service in 1778, he removed to Philadelphia, Pa., and in April, 1782, began the publication of the "Independent Gazetteer, or the Chronicle of Freedom," which he made the vehicle of violent partisan attacks. He reopened William Bradford's Coffee-House in 1783, and while conducting it published the monthly "Price Current," the earliest commercial paper in the

communication as they may think proper to the R^{t} W^{l} G^{d} Lodge of Ancient Masons of England."

Among the remains of the rough minutes found in our Grand Secretary's office a draft of this communication was found, together with a list of what was sent to the Grand Lodge of England by the hands of Bro. Oswald:

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania avail themselves of an opportunity furnished them by Brother Eleazer Oswald who imbarks for London to pay their respects to the R. W. Grand Lodge of England.

We continue to feel that attachment and affection to ye Grand Lodge which is due to those from whom derived our Existence and shall be impressed with happiness in every instance of y^{r} attention: Inclosed is a copy of the proceedings

United States. In August, 1786, he offered to lead a volunteer company of infantry, of which he was captain, to the northern frontier in order to capture from the British the posts that they occupied in violation of the articles of peace. From 1782 till 1787 he published in New York city the "Independent Gazette, or New York Journal Revived," which had formerly been conducted by John Holt, a kinsman of his wife. He was a strong opponent of the political principles of Alexander Hamilton, and challenged the latter to a duel, but their friends adjusted the matter. In 1792 he went to England, and shortly afterward to France, where he joined the Republican army, was commissioned as a colonel of artillery, and commanded a regiment under Gen. Charles F. Dumouriez, at Jemmapes. The government sent him on a secret mission to Ireland to report on the political condition of that country and the feasibility of the projected French invasion. He reached Ireland by a journey through Norway and Scotland, reported to the Minister of Foreign Affairs in France, and, not receiving further instructions, returned to the United States, where he died of yellow fever shortly after his arrival.

of the late Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, then held by virtue of your warrant. The measure we trust will meet y^r approbation because of s^d peculiar situation of this Country in general and of the dangers which would have arisen to the Craft had not this been done, particularly from Circumstances of our being open to the influx of masons of every description and variant forms of working, from every foreign jurisdiction. Immediately after the above acts on our part we transmitted to ye G. S. Bro Lau: Dermott a copy of our transactions, with a particular detail of ye reasons, and of the state of the Craft. Receiving no answer to this we forwarded a duplicate by a Brother Bush who unfortunately by mistake delivered our dispatches to the Modern Grand Lodge of England.

We trust we shall now succeed in this third attempt as Brother Oswald seems himself interested in paying his own and our respects to the antient craft. He bears our certificate, and is personally respected by said Brethren

Any Communications by him will be gratefully received, and we shall be happy in every intercourse of fraternal friendship and information

1 Copy of Transactions, Sep^t 25, 1786 N° 1 and 2 from Lodge Book.

Copy of letter of October 1786 No. 3

Book of Constitutions No. 4

New Regulations No. 5

Letter to Gr Lodge Nov. 18 1791 No. 6

[SEAL]

Names of Grand officers

To Brother Oswald may be committed in fullest Confidence anything on your part respecting the Craft under y^r Jurisdiction or elsewhere, its present state and regulations on such

instructions and advice as you may deem for the good of Masonry in this New World and preserving its benign reciprocal intercourse with the old. For ye further satisfaction we forward our book of Constitutions and our later byelaws of which we hope you will approve but shall also be happy to receive any observations.

How well Bro. Oswald performed his mission is shown by the reply sent by the English Masonic authorities to our Grand Lodge.

It is further a noteworthy fact that the error made by Bro. Bush in delivering his message to the Grand Lodge of Moderns in 1788 was the means of bringing about fraternal relations between that body and our own Grand Lodge, and it is believed that this is the only case on record where a foreign Grand Body was in fraternal communication with both of the English Grand Lodges. As a matter of fact it was the precursor of the final union of the two English Grand Lodges which came to a happy consummation some twenty years later.

Following is the communication from the Grand Lodge of England (Ancients). This was read before the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia, December 3, 1792:

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

December 3d, 1792.

Present, the R^t^ W^l^ J. B. SMITH, Grand Master.

The R^t^ W^l^ Grand Master presented communications from the R^t^ W^l^ Grand Lodge of England, according to the old institutions, which were read as followeth (to wit):

To the Right Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

Right Worshipful Brothers: It is with much satisfaction that in conformity to the resolution of the Grand Lodge of England, herewith transmitted, and in their name, we address you on this occasion.

We rejoice on the restoration of a fraternal intercourse and communication between our respective Grand Lodges, which we cannot but lament had ever been suspended, and which the Grand Lodge of England agree forever to cultivate and support.

The accession of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to a fraternal alliance with the Grand Lodge of England, and consequently with the several Grand Lodges in the different quarters of the globe in alliance with that of England, so conducive to the honor and interest of our ancient craft, must necessarily be highly satisfactory to the Masonic world at large.

Having perused your Book of Constitutions, we reflect with pleasure that the Grand Lodge of England has given birth to a Grand Lodge in the Western world, whose strict adherence to the ancient and immutable landmarks of our order reflects honor on its original founders. Here we must beg leave to state that we conceive that in constituting your Grand Lodge we necessarily communicated to it the same independent sovereign Masonic authority within your jurisdiction which we ourselves possessed within ours, amenable to no superior jurisdiction under Heaven, and subject only to the immutable landmarks of the craft. All Grand Lodges in Masonry being necessarily Free, Independent, and Equipollent within their respective jurisdictions, which conse-

quently excludes the idea of subjection to a foreign authority or the establishment of an Imperium in Imperio.

It having, however, pleased the Almighty Architect of the Universe to erect the Province Pennsylvania into a sovereign State, we coincide with you in opinion, that it became expedient to remove those doubts which either had or might be entertained by the uninformed upon that point, by declaring in the most explicit manner the independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the full and ample authority of which, limited only be the unchangeable landmarks of the system, as it cannot be increased, so neither can it ever be diminished by political changes or revolutions.

The Principles of pure Masonry like those of true morality must in every age and nation remain the same, unmoved by the shock of Empires or the vicissitudes of human events.

We transmit to you, herewith, our circular letter to the Lodges under our jurisdiction, for the current year, containing a list of our Grand Officers, and those of the Grand Lodges in alliance with us according to their last communications for the present year, to which we have to add that of the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada.

It is with pleasure we inform you of the increasing prosperity of Free Masonry, not only under our jurisdiction, but under that of the different Grand Lodges in the different quarters of the globe united with us.

We are with esteem and best wishes for your Grand Lodge, and the Craft under its Jurisdiction, Right Worshipful Brothers,

[SEAL.]

Your sincere friends and Brothers,

JAMES AGAR,
Dep'y Grand Master.

ROBT. LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England according to the Old Institutions.

His Grace, the Duke of Athol, Grand Master.

Crown and Anchor Tavern, London, 5th September, 1792.

Present:	Ja^{s} Agar,	Deputy Grand Master.
	Sir Watkin Lewis Knight,	Senior Grand Warden.
	Jno Bunn, Esq.,	Junior Grand Warden.
	Thos Harper, Esq.,	Past Senior Grand Warden.
	Robert Leslie, Esq.	Grand Secretary.
	John Feakins, Esq.,	Grand Treasurer.
	William Hockaday, Esq.,	Grand Sword Bearer.

The Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of the Right Worshipful, the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 23, 37, 63, 31, 81, 128, 159, 192, 193, 194, 195, 221, 225, 226, 227, 230, 231, 234, 239, 240, 241, 244, 245, 251, 253, 255, 258, 259, 261, 264.

Dispatches from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, bearing date the 18th of November last, and of 25th of October, 1782, and two resolutions of that Grand Lodge of the 25th September, 1786, were communicated by the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, which were read and ordered to be entered on the minutes. His Worship also informed the Grand Lodge that a book of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had been sent with the dispatches, which he had perused and found perfectly conformable to the Landmarks of the Ancient Craft, and after congratulating the Grand Lodge on the restoration of the fraternal intercourse between this Grand Lodge and that of Pennsylvania, he proposed and it was *Resolved,* unanimously, That a brotherly address be transmitted to the Right Worshipful the

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, acknowledging their friendly communications and approving thereof, and that a fraternal intercourse and correspondence be established between this Grand Lodge and that of Pennsylvania forever, in the same manner as between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodges of Scotland, Ireland, and the other Grand Lodges throughout the Masonic World.

ROBERT LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, the same were ordered to be inserted on the minutes, and referred to Bros. McCree, Bankson, Kidd, Johnston, and Mason, to report thereon at the next Quarterly Communication, and Brother Grand Secretary was directed to send copies of the said communication to the respective Grand Lodges in the United States, and others in alliance with this Grand Lodge.

January 8, 1787.—Stated Lodge—Present Bro Bartram W. M. Seven Members—four Visitors—Bros Hunt—C. Smith—Elkin—Ewart.

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form.—Bro Rice, appointed in place of Bro. Dean on the Committe to confer with the Sublime Lodge as to the terms on which we are to have their Room.—

Bro. Wadman informed the Lodge that Bros Evans and Milnor had settled their accounts in dispute themselves.

The Standing Committe are requested to wait on Bro Wescott, late Treasurer to examine and settle his accounts Bro Wadman is appointed steward for the ensuing Six Months—Recived the benefit on an E. A. Lecture from Bro. Doct. Thos. Smith in the Chair.

February 12, 1787.—Stated Lodge Present—John Bartram Master—Praise Wadman S. W.—John Salisberry J. W.—Asheton Humphreys—Abram Bickley, and Bro Benjamin Mason of N° 19 a Visitor

An E. A. Lodge being opened in due form,—Bro Wadman, one of the Committe appointed to confer with the Committe from the Sublime Lodge respecting the rent of this Room informed the Lodge that Nothing had as yet been done and prayed till the next Stated Night to make report which was granted. The Committe appointed to settle the late Treasurers Accounts, also requested further time.

The Grand Secretary Bro Humphreys then offered to this Lodge a New Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, upon this Lodge surrendering up their old Warrant as Mentioned in the Minute of 11th December last, and the same being read was accepted by the Lodge and the old Warrant delivered into the hands of the Grand Secretary. Lodge Closed in Harmony at 9 O'Clock.

March 12, 1787.—Stated Lodge—Present—Bro Jno. Bartram W. M.—Praise Wadman S. W.—J. Rice J. W.—Moore S. D.—Bickley J. D.—Rutherford—Humphreys—Wescott—Crozier—Visitors—Bros. Hamilton—Thompson—Mason.

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form.

Bros Wadman and Rice the Committe to Confer with the Committe from the Sublime Lodge made report that £ 25—0—0 p. Annum was the Rent de-

manded by the Committe from the Sublime Lodge, it was the opinion of this Lodge that £ 15. p. year was a sufficient rent and as much as this Lodge could afford.—Lodge Closed. A M. M. Lodge opened. When Bro Abram Bichley was raised to the degree of a M. M.

On Motion and Seconded, ordered that the secretary advertise in the "Pennsylvania Packet and Independent Gazateer" the Meeting of this Lodge on their next Stated Night—requesting the attendance of every Member as Matters of consequence to this Lodge are to be Considered Paid Bill for Refreshments 30/4.—

April 9, 1787.—Stated Lodge Present

Bro A. Humphreys	Mast^r	Bro Mason No 19	S. D. pt
" P. Wadman	S. W. p t	" Wescott	J D pt.
" P. Duplessis, No 19	J. W pt		

An E. A. Lodge being opened in due Form, and so few members attending it was thought proper to adjourn to Wednesday evening next to which time Secretary is ordered to issue summons to the Members of this Lodge—requesting their punctual attendance.

Lodge closed in Harmony.

April 11, 1787.—Members present

Bro J. Pennington	W. M pt	*Visitors*	
" Thos Rice	S. W. pt	Bro M. Cohen	No 19
" P. Wadman	J W pt	" B. Mason	No 19
" M. Cohen	S. D pt	" J. B. Smith	No 3
" B. Mason	J D pt	" J Thomson	No 19
" A Humphreys	Secy pt	" P. Duplessis	No 19.

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form—Bro Humphreys one of the Committe to examine the accts. of Bro Wescott late Treasurer of this Lodge, reported that he has examined the accounts and Compared them with the minutes of this Lodge with which they agreed, and found there was in the hands of Bro Wescott £ 19—2—1 Balance which he was ready to pay into the hands of the present Treasurer, upon the Masters order—So Ordered.

On Motion and Seconded—Ordered that the Officers of this Lodge be directed to take the opinion of the Grand Lodge at their next meeting upon the following Question:—

"Whether it is expedient for any particular Lodge under their Jurisdiction to pass a law granting liberty to any member belonging to such particular Lodge to withdraw himself from the Lodge after a Continuance of three years and paying up his Lodge dues."

Paid for Refreshment 29/9.

June 11, 1787.—Stated Lodge—Present Bro A. Humphreys W. M pt—Joseph Dean S W—Praise Wadman J. W.—John Salisbury S. D.—Alex Rutherford—Donovan—Visitors Bros Hamilton No 3—Chrystie No 3.

An E. A. Lodge opened in due Form—Lodge closed and a F. C. Lodge opened, when Bro Donovon was passed to the degree of a F. C.

This being the Stated Night before St John's Day

—appointed for the election of Officers, few members being present it was thought proper to adjourn the Lodge until next Friday Evening at 7 O'Clock.

Lodge Closed in Harmony at 10 O'Clock—

June 16, 1787.—Extra Lodge—Present—

Bro	A. Humphreys	Master pt	*Visitor*
"	J. Dean	S. W	Bro. Henry Cooper
"	P. Wadman	J W	
"	G. Wescott	S. D	
"	A Bickley	J D	
"	A Rutherford	P. M.	
"	Donovan		

A F. C. Lodge opened in due form—This being a Lodge Called for the purpose of Choosing officers for the ensuing six Months, we proceeded to the Election, and were chosen and duly elected as follows:—viz—

Bro	Joseph Dean	W. M.
"	Praise Wadman	S. W.
"	Robert Crozier	J W
"	Abram Bickley	Sec'y
"	Asheton Humphrey	Treas.

Bro. Humphreys, informed the Lodge that he had paid the Sublime Lodge £ 7—10—0 being six months rent of this Room—Lodge Closed, and a Masters Lodge opened, when Bro Florence Donovan was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

Lodge Closed in Harmony at ½ past 10 O'Clock P. M.

The third minute book of Lodge No. 2 closes with the election of officers for the ensuing six months from St. John's Day, June 24, 1787.

The next minute book begins under date of July 2, 1789. In the preamble of this book it states that the old Lodge had become extinct without however giving any dates or facts. It will be noted that the last entry of 1787 gives the installation of the officers for the coming Masonic year. That there was some trouble in the Lodge at that time, is gleaned from following resolutions in Grand Lodge, December 17, 1787:

Ordered—that the Grand Sec'y summon the members of No. 2, who have declined their meetings for some time past, to convene themselves for the purpose of considering the present State and situation of the same.

At the subsequent quarterly communications of the Grand Lodge we find the following entries:

March 31, 1788.—The Grand Sec'y informed the Lodge, that agreeable to orders given him, at last quarterly Communication, he had convened the members of No. 2, of which he himself was a member.

That in consequence thereof, at a meeting of said Lodge, a committe were appointed to collect the Sentiments of the several members of that Lodge, but that the said Lodge had never since met. Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded,—Resolved,—That the Grand Sec'y he directed to convene the members of No. 2, again, and in case of a failure to demand their warrant, &c, In order that it may be returned to the Grand Lodge.

June 16, 1788.—Order respecting Lodge No. 2, continued.

December 15, 1788.—The Business Respecting No. 2, continued.

Until the quarterly communication held March 30, 1789, Lodge No. 2 was regularly represented in Grand Lodge, and must have been working under their warrant up to that time.

That there had been more or less friction among the brethren of Lodge No. 2 for the past eighteen months is shown by above quotations.

Just what was the cause of this trouble has thus far been a sealed book. According to an old tradition the trouble was a political one in which the election of Washington to the presidency is mentioned as the chief factor. But there is nothing of record to sustain this. It must, however have been of a different origin, as it had its beginning long before the presidential election in 1789. Further, if the cause was of a political nature it was probably caused by the excitement incident to the adoption of the federal constitution. The finding of a bundle of old papers in the archives of our Grand Lodge, marked "Proctor[4]

[4] Thomas Proctor, born in Ireland in 1739; died in Philadelphia, Pa., March 16, 1806. On October 27, 1775, he applied to the committee of safety to be commissioned captain of an artillery company to be raised for garrisoning Fort Island, and was immediately commissioned with authority to raise his company. In August, 1776, his command was raised to a battalion, of which he was appointed major. On February 7, 1777, he was commissioned colonel, with instructions to raise an entire regiment of artillery. In September, 1778, his regiment became a part of the Continental army, and he received his commission of colonel of artillery, May 18, 1779. He was in Wayne's Bergen Neck expedition, and was satirized by André in the "Cow Chase"—

vs. Young'' evidently goes far to solve the conundrum. These two brethren were among the leading spirits of Lodge No. 2, as well as close friends and partners in some financial ventures, and in 1786 both brethren were prominent in the withdrawal from Lodge No. 2 and the revival of Lodge No. 19. It appears, however, that both men still kept an interest in the old Lodge, and when eventually a disagreement arose between the two about a financial venture, their friends in the old Lodge took sides as the strife increased, and the matter came before the Grand Lodge. The finding of the trial committee was as follows:

The Committee appointed to inquire into the Facts set forth in the Petition of several Brethren to the Grand Master in Behalf of Brother Charles Young,[5] which was read in Grand Lodge at the Communication in December 1788.

"Sons of distant Delaware,
And still remoter Shannon,
And Major Lee with horses rare,
And Proctor with his cannon."

He resigned in 1781 on account of differences with Joseph Reed, president of the Pennsylvania council, and in 1783 was chosen high sheriff of Philadelphia, which office he held three years. In 1790 he was made city lieutenant; in 1791 a commissioner to treat with the Miami Indians. In 1793 he became brigadier-general of the Pennsylvania troops, and marched against the whiskey insurgents at the head of the first brigade. After this he became major-general of the Philadelphia militia. He was one of the founders of the St. Tammany Society in Philadelphia, of which he was a sachem. A part of Col. Proctor's regiment of artillery has maintained its organization to the present time as the Second United States Artillery.

[5] Charles Young was a prominent merchant in Philadelphia.

Beg leave to Report

That in Consequence of their Appointment they summoned the said Brother Charles Young and also Bro Thomas Proctor, the Brother principally alluded to in the said Petition, to appear before them—That the said Brethren, in Obedience to such Summons having appeared, Brother Young charged Brother Procter with having at divers Times and places, made certain allegations to the great Injury of his Character and Reputation, and the Consequent Detriment and Prejudice of himself and Family—That the said Brother Procter being called upon, by your Committee to reply to this Charge, exhibited on his part certain Charges against Brother Young, imputing to him a Conduct altogether unworthy an honest Man or a Member of our Fraternity—That your Committee before they entered into an Investigation of those reciprocal Charges, obliged the Parties to declare in the most solemn Form used among the Masons, that each of them would strictly abide by whatever this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge should on the Report of your Committe make in the Premises —That the Committee then proceeded to hear the Parties Examine their Witnesses, and compare their Vouchers and after spending a considerable Time, in a patient Hearing of the Charges and Defense of each Party, a strict examination of the Testimony adduced, and a careful Attention to their several and respective Vouchers, it appeared to your Committee, that a great deal of Matter had been laid before them which did not immediately relate to the difference subsisting between Brothers Procter and Young, and which therefore was not within the Designs of their Appointment. This extraneous Matter they have for these Reasons deemed an improper Subject for their Deliberation, and Consequently have confined their Enquiries to the Conduct of the said

Brethren in those particulars only which immediately Respect each other—That the Dispute between those Brethren, also involved matter of Account, each of the Parties supposing a balance due to him from the other; and altho' in ordinary Cases, the Committee would have endeavored to ascertain where the Balance ought to be; yet Considering Brother Youngs particular Situation they have deemed it most prudent not to enter into a strict Examination of this part of the Business, as the Determination of the Committee or of this Lodge if even subscribed by the Parties, would have no Influence upon Brother Young's Assignees, who can be governed in this particular only by a Decision in the Manner prescribed by law—And as any Opinion which your Committee should give, might be injurious to one of the Parties without benefitting the other, these Considerations, so far as the said Charges involve Matters of Account, have influenced your Committee to leave them to legal Decision, if the parties should think necessary—But so far as the Committee have thought themselves authorized, to investigate the specific Charges of the Parties, they are unanimously of opinion, that the Testimony adduced, is not sufficient to support any of those Charges—Yet from a general View of the whole Proceedings, they are obliged to observe, (altho' with the utmost Regret and Reluctance) that both the said Brethren have inconsiderately deviated from the Path of Masonic Duty—That transported, perhaps by Warmth of Temper, they have not discovered that Tenderness for the Weakness and Frailty of human Nature, which as Members of Society they ought to entertain, and which, by becoming Masons, they in a more especial Manner, ought to exercise towards each other—That instead therefore of throwing a Veil over Foibles, which are perhaps inseparable from Humanity, they have manifested

a spirit very unbecoming that Brotherly Affection which is peculiarly Characteristick of Masonry, and by mutual Recriminations have poisoned those Wounds which they have mutually inflicted, and which might otherwise have been easily healed—Your Committee considering that Benevolence, Charity, Forbearance, Good Will and the forgiving of Injuries, are among the Qualities which ought in a special Manner to mark the Conduct of the Members of our ancient Fraternity; and being desirous that Brothers Procter and Young should Reassume that Line of Conduct which becomes their Masonic Character and from which they have provoked each other to depart, submit the following Resolution:

Resolved That as it appears to our Committee that the Charges reciprocally made by Brothers Thomas Procter and Charles Young against each other, have not been supported, That therefore the said Brethren be enjoined seriously to consider the solemn and endearing Ties, by which they are connected together as Masons—That by a mutual Exchange of good Offices, they bury in Oblivion all and every Matter and Thing, which has heretofore been the Cause of creating any Animosity between them, and that in Order to close forever this unhappy Breach, restore Harmony to our Fraternity and prevent the Improprieties which have been done and written upon this occasion, from ever transpiring to the prejudice of our ancient and sacred Institution, all the Books and Papers which relate solely to this Subject, be totally and entirely Destroyed.

Given under our Hands this 12th Day of December An. Dom. 1789.

Jno. Bankson	Wm. Williams
Wm. Kidd	J. McCreed
Edward Fox	Jos. Freed.
Praise Wadman	

There is no record whatever to be found that the Provincial warrant of Lodge No. 2 was ever actually surrendered, or if so when.

PROVINCIAL WARRANT OF LODGE NO 2

Wm. Ball, Grand Master,
John Coats, Deputy Grand Master.

Alex. Rutherford, Senior Grand Warden.
Jacob S. Howell, Junior Grand Warden.

To all whom it may concern:

[L. S.] Whereas, by a Warrant bearing Date the seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-eight, and of Masonry five thousand seven hundred and fifty-eight, under the seal of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient Masons, in the city of London, supersigned by the Right Worshipful and Right Honorable, William, Earl of Blessinton, Grand Master, William Holford, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, Robert Goodman, Senior Grand Warden, Wm. Osborne, Junior Grand Warden, and undersigned Laurence Dermott, Grand Secretary. With the approbation and consent of Forty-seven regular York Lodges, the following Brethren, viz: the Worshipful George Brook, Master, Joseph Croker, Senior Warden, and John Macauly, Junior Warden (with their lawful assistants), were authorized and appointed to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the city of Philadelphia, or elsewhere, in the Province of Pennsylvania, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated), to admit, enter, and make Masons according to the Ancient and honorable custom of Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world; and also with the further right, privilege, and authority to nominate, choose, and instal their successors, as by the said warrant

(reference being hereunto had) may more fully appear. And, Whereas, the said warrant, which was Registered as No. 69 of Ancient York Masons, in England, but has been held as No. 2 in Pennsylvania (being the eldest Warrant under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons which is now in this State), hath been surrendered up to us, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, by the present officers and Brethren of the said Lodge No. 2, praying that the same may be renewed, establishing and confirming them and their successors (under the authority of this Grand Lodge) in the Rank, Dignity, Preheminence, and Masonic Privileges to which they are duly entitled by their former warrant, inasmuch as the present situation of affairs permits them not to hold that correspondence with the Grand Lodge (from which they derived their original authority) which the laudable customs and rules of Masonry require. Now, be it known, to all whom it may concern, That we, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the District of America, associated and united under our authority, viz.: The Right Worshipful William Ball, Esq., Grand Master, John Coats, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, Mr. Alexander Rutherford, Senior Grand Warden, and Mr Jacob Samuel Howell, Junior Grand Warden, with the full authority and consent of twenty-four regular Lodges under our Jurisdiction, Do hereby renew and confirm to our trusty and well-beloved Brethren Jacob Bankson, Esq., Master, Mr Samuel Jervis, Senior Warden, Mr William Cornelius Bradford, Junior Warden, and the other regular and lawful members of the said Lodge No. 2, of Ancient York Masons, in *Philadelphia,* and to their true and lawful successors for ever, all the Masonic Rights, Privileges, Authority, Jurisdiction, and Preheminence which (by their said Original Warrant herein above referred to and in part recited) they

are, or may be, in any manner or way entitled to hold and enjoy; Provided, always, that the above-named Brethren and members of the said Lodge, and their successors, continue at all times to pay due respect and obedience to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, agreeably to the Rules and Ordinances lawfully made, or to be made, for the Benefit of Masonry, and the advancement of our Royal Craft, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force or virtue.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge, at Philadelphia, this tenth day of February, in the year of our Lord 1780, and of Masonry 5780

Jno. Wood, Grand Treasurer.

WILLIAM SMITH, *Grand Secretary*

Recorded this 17th day of January, 1783

JOSEPH HOWELL, Jr. Dy Gd Secy.

As has been shown, the Lodge was represented in Grand Lodge March 30, 1789. In June 15, 1789, we, however, find the following:

Read a Petition from several Brethren, late members of Lodge No. 2, praying a warrant, to be called No. 2, in the Name of Praise Wadman, Master Jacob Bankson, S. W., and John Salsbury, J. W. Ordered that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

A warrant was made out forthwith to take the place of the Provincial Warrant and on the twenty-fourth of June the officers were installed by the Grand Officers, and the first Lodge held under the new warrant on Thursday, July 2, 1789.

THE FOURTH MINUTE BOOK OF LODGE NO. 2.

"Lodge No. 2 Antient York Masons having for many years been a very Respectable Lodge held in the City of Philadelphia, but having become extinct several of its Members being desirous that it should again be revived applied to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for a Warrant in consequence of which application a Warrant did issue from the said Grand Lodge, bearing date Philadelphia the 24th day of June A. D. 1789 and of Masonry 5789 authorizing and impowering Brother Praise Wadman, Master, Jacob Bankson, Senior Warden, and John Salsbury, Junior Warden of a New Lodge No. Two to be held in the City of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania or within Five Miles of the same and also authorizing and impowering them and their Successors to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Antient and Honorable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world and not contrary wise, as will fully appear by having Reference to said Warrant. And the said Warrant having been so obtained as aforesaid the First Lodge under the authority of the same was held at Philadelphia, Thursday, July 2, 1789.

"Present: Brother Praise Wadman, W M; Alexander Rutherford, S. W, pro tem; John Salsbury, J. W; Haley, S. D; Polk, J. D; and Jacob Bankson, Secty p. t;

"A Master's Lodge was opened under the usual Penalties. A Prayer was delivered by the Master. The Warrant which hath been newly obtained was read, signed by the respective Officers of the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge except the Junior Grand Warden who was absent.

"The Lodge agreed that the Second Monday in every Month, not interfering with the Stated Appointments of other Lodges and being most convenient for the Brethern be and is hereby fixed as the Time of Stated Meeting of this Lodge No. 2.

"Brother Frederick Miller is nominated as Tyler and is to be allowed for his services One Dollar for every Stated Night for attendance and distributing Notices to the several Members."

Brother Jacob Bankson was installed as Senior Warden of this Lodge.

Lodge closed in Harmony at ½ past 9 o'clock and adjourned to the next Stated Lodge Night Monday July 13th 1789.

Philadelphia, Monday, July 13, 1789.—Stated Lodge night.

Present, Worshipful Master, Praise Wadman in the Chair. Brother Alexander Rutherford, S. W. p. t. John Salsbury, J. W.; Morgan S, D, p. t; William Guise J, D, p. t; Joseph Dean, Secty p. t; Visitors Brothers Smith, P L Duplessis, and J Gardette.

A Master Mason's Lodge was opened in due form.

Brother Robert Crozier was appointed Treasurer

and Brother Assheton Humphreys was appointed Secretary of this Lodge.

Lodge closed in Harmony at Ten O'clock.

Monday, August 10, 1789.—Stated Lodge night.

Present W. M; Praise Wadman in the Chair. Bro, Alexander Rutherford S. W. p. t; John Salsbury J. W; John Rice, Robert Crozier, Treasurer. Visitors, Brothers J. B. Smith, R. W. G. M; Shaw, Dallet and Lockart.

An Entered Apprentices Lodge was opened in due form. The Right Worshipful Grand Master being present the Lodge requested a Dispensation in favour Mr. John Davidson which was granted and being introduced to the Lodge he received the First Degree in Masonry, returned to the Lodge and gave thanks. A letter from Brother Bankson was read informing the Lodge of his being indisposed which prevented his attendance on the Lodge this Evening. A Petition was read from Messrs William Yard and Francis Hancong praying to be initiated into the Secrets of Masonry. Brothers Wadman and Rice are appointed a Committee to enquire the Characters of the Petitioners. Brother Davidson paid into the hands of Brother Crozier, Treasurer, Six Pounds his initiation Fee. The Treasurer received for Refreshments 9/ $4\frac{1}{2}^{d}$ and paid Brother Miller for Refreshments 11/ 5^{d} and for Tyling 7/ 6^{d} makes 18/ 11^{d}. Lodge closed in Harmony at Ten O'clock.

September 14, 1789.—Stated Lodge night. Present 10 members and ten visiting Brethern viz: R. W. G. M. J. B. Smith Bros Benj Mason, John Sterling 569, John Whitehead No. 9, James Dillet No. 9, Lawson Pearson, Enoch Bailey, William Williams No. 9, Enoch Scott No. 202, Isaac Huff No. 3.

Brother Jno Davidson received the F. C. Degree and Wm Yard and F. Hancong were iniated.

A Committee consisting of Brothers Bankson, Crozier and Humphreys were appointed to prepare a code of Laws for the government of this Lodge.

Brothers Dean and Rutherford were appointed to meet the Committees of other Lodges on the propriety of renting a room for the purposes of Masonry.

Monday, October 5, 1789.—Extra Lodge. Present 9 Members and 8 Visitors including R. W. G. M. J. B. Smith, Bros. Mason No. 19, E. Hewlings No. 14, Shaw No. 9, Wm Will No. 3, Terrence O'Hanning, A. Chapman No. 7, Nova Scotia, McIsaac.

Bro. Hancong advanced to Fellow Craft and Master Mason.

Monday, October 12, 1789.—Stated Lodge night. Present 7 Members and 2 Visitors. Bro Wm Will No. 3, George Thomston No. 3, Newberryport, Massachusetts.

Bro. Davidson advanced to Master Mason.

Monday, November 9, 1789.—Stated Lodge night. Present 5 Members and one Visitor, Bro. William Brown.

Monday, December 21, 1789.—Adjourned meeting. Present 7 Members and 6 Visitors, Bros. John Service, John Wilson, Jas. Martin, John Thompson, Allison, Bedford.

Bro. Rutherford and Dean were added to the Committee on By Laws.

Election for Officers for the ensuing Twelve Months then took place, when Brother Jacob Bankson was duly and legally elected Master Alexander Rutherford Senior Warden, James Sutter, Junior Warden, Robert Crozier, Treasurer; and Brother Humphreys was appointed Secretary; Bro Salsbury S. D; and Bro Jno Rice, J. D;

The Worshipful Master then proceeded to the Installment of Officers when all the elected Officers were duly installed.

3 Initiations during 1789.

January 11, 1790.—Stated Lodge night. Present 6 Members and 6 Visitors viz: R. W. G. M. Jonathan B. Smith, Bros. Martin Colley, P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Williams and McDonald.

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form, when the W. M. was pleased to deliver a charge reminding every member of this Lodge of his Duty, etc.

A Letter was read from Bro Thomas Mewse stating that he was formerly a member of Old Lodge No. 2 and had lost his Certificate, and asking for a New Certificate from this Lodge, he was referred to the

Grand Lodge they having the Books and Papers of the old Lodge.

"On Motion an application be made by this Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by Petition or Letter to restore to this Lodge the property belonging to the late Lodge No. 2, Ordered that the Committee upon the Bye Laws prepare a Petition or Letter to the Grand Lodge for that purpose."

February 8, 1790.—Stated Lodge night. Present 3 members and 8 visitors viz:—R. W. G. M. Jno. B. Smith—Bros Duplessis—Delaustal—Giese—Lormer Wm Williams—John Flanagan—Colley.

The Committee on By-Laws reported that they had prepared a code of Laws for the government of this Lodge (there being but few members attending) ordered that the same lie over for Consideration.

March 8, 1790.—Stated Lodge. Present 4 members & 8 visitors including R. W. D. G. M. Geo Ord, and Gr'd Secty.

The Deputy Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Secretary visited the Lodge, who examined the warrant and the Bye-Laws of the Lodge and were satisfied.

April 12, 1790.—Stated Lodge. Present four members & three visitors. Bros. Flanagan, Burne, Enoch Baily.

1 Petition The W M requested that, "the Secty issue summones to every member of this Lodge requesting their punctual attendance next stated Lodge

Night, as the full completion of the Bye Laws is the principal business of the Lodge for that night.

[The death of Benjamin Franklin took place April 17, 1790. This occurrence, it would naturally be supposed, would have elicited from the Freemasons resolutions of sorrow, and it might have been expected that they would participate in public testimonials of respect for the character of the deceased; but in those solemnities the Masons as an organization took no active part. They did not attend the funeral in a Masonic character, nor did they pass resolutions of respect, such as were passed by other societies. The fact was Dr. Franklin was not an "Ancient" Mason. Although he was a Past Grand Master of the "Moderns," those distinctions won for him no official consideration with the "Ancients"—hence their non-participation in the ceremonies of sepulture and regret.]

Monday, May 10, 1790.—Stated Lodge night. Present W M Jacob Bankson S. W. Alex Rutherford & Treas Robt Crozier. Lodge adjourned until next Stated Lodge night.

Monday, June 14, 1790.—Stated Lodge night. Present 9 members and 7 visiting Brethren, R. W. G. M. J. B. Smith—Taylor—Street—West—Ball—Tilton-Colley. Elijah Cozens initated & Bros Fisher Milnor Baker & Jervis, old members were approved.

A Letter was received from the R. W. Grand Secretary enclosing an impression of the seal of the Grand

Lodge also four copies of the rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, which were ordered to be put on the files of the Lodge.

Monday, July 12, 1790.—Present 5 members & 4 Visiting Brethren, R. W. G. M. J. B. Smith—Bros. Ball—Martin—Mullowney.

Monday, August 9, 1790.—Stated Lodge night. Present 5 members and 2 Visiting Brethren. Bros Copeland No. 9—Claypoole No. 19. A Letter was read from the R. W. G. M, requesting the W. M. to take the sense of this Lodge respecting their removal to the Quaker Meeting, (S W cor 5 & Arch Sts) so few members being present could not go into that business. Bro E Cozens advanced to Fellow Craft and Master Mason.

Monday, September 13, 1790.—Stated Lodge night. R. W. G. M. J. B. Smith in the Chair, present 3 members and 4 Visiting Brethren. Bros. Joseph Few —Duplessis—Colley—John Moody No. 10, Virginia. The Business respecting the Lodge's removal to the Quaker Meeting was continued on account of so few a number of members belonging to this Lodge being present and no other business appearing Lodge was adjourned to Friday evening at 7 O'Clock of which the Secty was desired to give notice to the Members and to inform them that the Officers of the Grand Lodge intend on that night to visit this Lodge.

[No record of this adjourned meeting.—J. F. S.]

Philadelphia, Monday, October 11, 1790.—Stated

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PLACE OF MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
FREE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE. 1790-1799.
S. W. CORNER FIFTH AND ARCH STREETS,
PHILADELPHIA

Lodge night. Present 4 Members and 3 Visiting Brethren. "On Motion Resolved, That the Lodge will meet in future in the Grand Lodge Room corner of Arch and Fifth Streets and pay its proportion of the rent and repairs of the said Lodge Room."

December 13, 1790.—Stated Lodge night. Present 4 Members & 5 Visitors. Bros. Benj. Mason No. 19—Enoch Baily—Duplessis—Colley—Bedford.

1 Petition Election postponed until 24 Dec

Friday, December 24, 1790.—Extra Lodge. Present 4 Members and 1 Visiting Brother and Election again postponed until 25 Dec 1790 when there were 8 Members present and 3 Visiting Brethren.

1 Petition received. Election for Officers, then took place Bro Jacob Bankson W. M. Praise Wadman S. W; Samuel Jervis J. W; Assheton Humphreys Secty and Robert Crozier Treasurer. W. M. apptd Bro Rice S. D. & Bro Fisher J. D. after which the Officers elected were duly installed.

With the growth of the Fraternity in the State it soon became evident that the quarters in Vidall's Alley were too small for the uses of the Grand Lodge. Consequently a Committee was appointed September 28th 1789 to confer with the Committes of the other Lodges of the city "upon the propriety of renting a room for the purposes of Masonry."

At the Communication December 6, 1790, reported as follows:

The Committee appointed to take the room over the Free

Quakers' Meeting House, reported that the same had been taken for nine years from the 23d day of ——,[1] and that the several Lodges had agreed by their Committees (excepted No. 9) to pay their respective shares of the rent, which is seventy-five pounds per annum, and of the expenses of moving and fitting up the said room: the Grand Lodge to pay no proportion at all.

Monday, January 10, 1791.—Stated Lodge night. Present 11 Members & 11 Visiting Brethren.

Geo Kitts initated & Bro Bailey approved for membership.

Monday, February 14, 1791.—Stated Lodge night. Present 11 Members & 12 Visiting Brethren including R. W. G. M. Jno. B. Smith and Elisha Kennedy Union No. 6.

Bro Geo Kitts was advanced to Fellow Craft.

"The W. M. then delivered an Eulogium in praise of our late Worthy Brother Alexander Rutherford, deceased."[6]

Bro Richd Hunt approved & 1 Petition (John Taylor).

Monday, March 14, 1791.—Stated Lodge night. Present 9 members & 13 Visiting Brethren including R W G. M. J. B. Smith—Jas Brown No 336—Wm Lawrence No 3—Alex Hardy No 9—W. H. Sellers No 15—Isaac Price No 9.

Bro Geo Kitts advanced to Master Mason.

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[1] December.

[6] One of the most active members of Lodge No. 2.

Monday, May 9, 1791.—Present 5 Members & 4 Visiting Brethren including R. W. G. M.

A M. M. Lodge opened in due form—A resolve from the R. W. Grand Lodge recommending the payment of the proportion of this Lodge of the expences attending the moving and fitting up the present Lodge room amounting to Thirty-five Dollars was read when on Motion and Seconded few members attending, the Consideration of the said recommendation was postponed to the next meeting. Brother Secretary having not attended nor sent the Minute Book the Lodge could not proceed to business and was closed at 9 Oclock in Harmony.

Wednesday, July 20, 1791.—Extra Lodge. Present 9 Members & Visiting Brother William Peter Sprague.

1 Petition "Ordered that Bros Hunt & Kitts call on the W M of this body before the next stated Lodge Night with a copy of the Minutes of this evening" (W M was absent).

Monday, August 8, 1791.—Stated Lodge night. Present 8 Members & 9 Visiting Brethren.

John Cope initiated. "The Lodge then appointed Brothers Hunt & Jervis as Guardians to instruct Brother Cope."

Monday, September 12, 1791.—Stated Lodge night. Present 10 Members & 17 Visiting Brethren. "The W M after addressing the Lodge in due form Reported that he had been applied to by a person of the name of Thomas Search to propose him to the Lodge as a

Member that the said Thomas Search is a Clandestine Mason, and it will not be amiss to appoint a Committee to make some enquiry'' Committee appointed. Bro Richard Hunt apptd Treas[r]

Monday, October 10, 1791.—Stated Lodge night. Present 9 Members & 5 Visiting Brethren.

Committee on Thos Search reported favorable and he was approved and initiated Bro Cope advanced to Fellow Craft. Bros Jervis & Hunt apptd Guardians to instruct Bro Search

Monday, November 14, 1791.—Present 7 Members & 5 Visiting Brethren. Bro Search advanced to Fellow Craft.

Monday, December 12, 1791.—Stated Lodge night. Present 6 Members & 1 Visiting Brother.

Election resulted as follows Bro Jacob Bankson, Master, Praise Wadman S. W. Samuel Jervis, J. W. Rich[d] Hunt Treas[r] Lodge adjourned to next Monday for the Installation of Officers. Geo. A. Baker Secty

On St. John's day, December 27, 1791, a suitable oration was delivered before the Grand Lodge and the Brethren in the morning, and at three o'clock in the afternoon a dinner to celebrate the feast was provided at Oeller's Hotel, on the south side of Chestnut Street, just west of Sixth Street. This was the first official celebration of St. John's Day since Washington had been elected President of the United States. In the meantime, during the year, Philadelphia had been selected for the capital city, and Wash-

ington resided on the south side of Market Street east of Sixth.

Upon this festive occasion, the Rev. Bro. Dr. Smith and the R. W. Grand officers, were appointed a committee to prepare an address to our "Illustrious Bro. George Washington, President of the United States," the original draft of which, as well as a copy as delivered to Washington, is shown in the Grand Lodge Library. It was as follows:

To His Excellency George Washington, President of the United States.

Sir and Brother:

The Ancient *York Masons* of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, for the first time assembled in General *Communication* to celebrate the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, since your Election to the *Chair* of Government in the United States, beg leave to approach you with Congratulations from the East, and in the pride of Fraternal affection to hail you as the *Great Master Builder* (under the Supreme Architect) by whose Labours the *Temple* of *Liberty* hath been reared in the West, exhibiting to the Nations of the Earth a *Model* of *Beauty, Order* and *Harmony* worthy of their Imitation and Praise.

Your Knowledge of the Origin and Objects of our Institution; its Tendency to promote the Social Affections and harmonize the Heart, give us a sure pledge that this tribute of our Veneration, this Effusion of our Love will not be ungrateful to you; nor will Heaven reject our *Prayer* that you may be long continued to adorn the bright List of Master workmen which our Fraternity produces in the *terrestrial*

Lodge; and that you may be late removed to that *Celestial Lodge* where Love and Harmony reign transcendent and Divine; where the Great Architect more immediately presides, and where *Cherubim* and *Seraphim,* wafting our Congratulations from *Earth to Heaven,* shall hail you *Brother.*

By order and in behalf of the Grand Lodge of
[SEAL] Pennsylvania in general Communication assembled in ample form

(Signed) J. B. SMITH, G. M.

Attest: P. LE BARRIER DUPLESSIS, *Gd. Secry.*

January 2, 1792.—A Grand Lodge by adjournment was held and the report of the committee was submitted and adopted. The exact date upon which this address was delivered and answered is not known. At the grand quarterly communication held March 5, 1792, it was unanimously resolved that the said address and answer thereto should be entered upon the minutes. The original answer is to be seen in the Grand Lodge Library.

TO THE ANCIENT YORK MASONS OF THE JURISDICTION OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Gentlemen and Brothers:

I receive your kind Congratulations with the purest Sensations of fraternal affection, and from a Heart deeply impressed with your generous wishes for my present and future Happiness I beg you to accept of my thanks.

At the same time I request you will be assured of my best wishes and earnest prayers for your Happiness while you remain in this terrestrial Mansion, and that we may hereafter

meet as brethren in the Eternal Temple of the Supreme Architect.

(Signed) G. Washington.

Monday, February 13, 1792.—Present 10 members & 5 Visiting Brethren. 1 Petition with Dispensation from Joshua Z Cozens was approved, Bro Jno Cope advanced to Master Mason. A Petition from Bro Henry Robinson for membership was approved. Petition from Jno Riley referred to Committee

Monday, March 12, 1792.—Stated Lodge night. Present 10 members & 10 Visiting Brethren. Jno Riley approved & initiated—Bro Jno Service formerly a member of No 9 approved—Bro Joshua Z Cozens advanced to Fellow Craft.

Monday, April 9, 1792.—Stated Lodge night. Present 12 members & 8 Visiting Brethren. Petition from Thos Fenton—Bro Jno Riley advanced to Fellow Craft. "The W. M. Jacob Bankson finding himself too much indisposed to continue any longer he requested the S. W. to take the Chair."

Monday, May 14, 1792.—Present 14 Members & 11 Visiting Brethren R W G M Jonathan B Smith. Petitions from Wm Chadwick & James Pattison. The Bye Laws as proposed by the Committee were read and referred to a Committee. Resolved "That as soon as the Bye Laws shall be approved of, this Lodge do pay to the Grand Lodge our part of the Arrearages of Rent up to that time and from thence forward the

sum of Ten Dollars half yearly on every St John's day.[7]

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[7] The following bill of items was found among the old Papers of Lodge No. 2 and gives us an interesting insight of the furnishings of the Lodge room in the old meeting house of the free Quakers.

By order of the Comity of the G. Lodge of Free & Excepted Masons Philadelphia Dr

July 7 to Sam[1] Benge. Upholster	
To puting black ribon for mourning on the grand officers aprons	7— 6
1 Do new for G. Master	5— 7
to Clensing Velvet Coushin & Silk Fringe and puting Lace on Do	3— 9
to Covering to Formes with Green Bays—Brass nails, Green Binding, Tacks &c	3— 9— 7
7½ yds Wilton Carpeting at 6/6 Brase nails. Tape. Black Tacks makeing & puting down	3— 8— 3
18½ yds Best 3/2 Scotch Carpeting @ 5/3	4—16— 1½
To makeing Brase Nails, Black Tacks Tape & puting down	1— 2— 6
15½ yd Crimson Morreen at 3/9 For Canipy and Wardin Pedistalls	2—18— 1½
21 yd Best White Fringed @ 8	14— 0
16 yd White Bed Lace @ 3	4— 0
4 Best Tosells @ 20	6— 8
pd For Frame, iron Hasp Brase Wire to Canipy	6— 9
To making and puting up	12— 6
2¾ Yd Green Serge for Wardens Caushine 2/10	7— 8
Repicking haire making and stuffing	4— 6
9 yds Green binding to Do	1— 6
To Washing the Six Window Curtins, takeing down and puting up again with	1— 2— 6
24 new Tosells at 1/6	1—16— 0
pd for 6 Boards for fronts to the Curtains	3— 9
to puting Deep Festoon Border on West Side	9— 9½
to puting morning on G. P. Aprons	3— 9
Sep 3 inclusive	23— 4—10½

The Minutes of this evening were read and the Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock.

Monday, June 11, 1792.—Stated Lodge night. Present 9 Members & 3 Visiting Brethren. Bye Laws as recommended by Committee were taken up, read by paragraphs unanimously adopted. Bro Riley advanced to Master Mason.

Monday, July 9, 1792.—Stated Lodge night. Present 9 Members and 2 Visiting Brethren. Bro Robt Lumden of No 9 proposed and approved, Captn Isaac McKinnie approved and initiated Dr J. Morris proposed

Monday, August 13, 1792.—Stated Lodge night. Present 14 Members & 13 Visiting Brethren. Dr. Morris Petition withdrawn. Bro Isaac McKinnie advanced to Fellow Craft.

Monday, September 10, 1792.—Present 15 Members and 4 Visitors. Bros Archibald Gay, McKarrahar, Carson, Kinsley, No. 3. Letter from Dr. John Morris asking the Lodge to still consider his Petition as being before the Lodge, which was granted and Dr Morris was approved and initiated. Petition of Joseph Gamble—Bros Search and McKinnie advanced to

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Another bill
The other bill ..... 3—19—11

Examined & Allowed by
J McCree
W. Williams
Committee of Accounts

Master Mason.—Bro Bailey withdrew, as he removes to another state.

Monday, October 8, 1792.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 12 Members & 15 Visitors including R. W. G. M. & S. G. W. Thomas Proctor.

Bro. Michael Kennedy No 19
" William King No 3
" John Thompson No 52
" Wm Davison No 9 New York
" Chas McCann No 2 New York
" Jacob Bower No 10 London
" Richard Babe No 3
" Wm Lawrence No 3
" Wm Espey No 3 Ireland
" Cadwallader Griffith
" Wm Ellison No 52
" John Hanlon No 4 London

Ephraim White and Charles Simms were approved they having a Dispensation from G. L. and were initated. Bro. Morris advanced to Master Mason.

October 16, 1792.—Stated Lodge Night. 17 members and 13 Visitors present.

Bro. Wm Sellers
" Wm Rice No 4
" Charles Devine No 526 Ireland
" Charles Dillet No 1575 Ireland
" Edward Farrone No 592 Ireland
" Jacob Bower No 10 London
" Chas. McCann No 2 New York
" Brooks
" James Dillet No 9
" Felix McCarty No 67 Cork
" Wm Davidson No 8. New York
" Dennis McCarty No 9

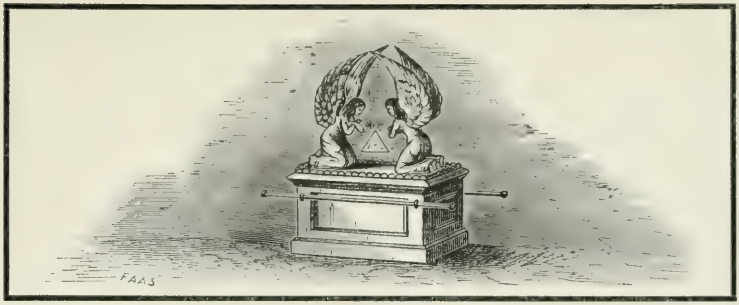
Bro. Wm Lawrence No 3
" John Hanlon No 4 London
" Wm Espey No 3 Ireland
" Griffin No 52

Bro White & Simms advanced to Fellow Craft & Master Mason. Bro McKinnie, White & Simms withdrew as they were about leaving the state. Bro Wm Espy received a certificate to the Grand Lodge of his having been examined and upon strict tryal found to be an Ancient York Mason and as such had been received and admitted as a visiting Brother in this Lodge.

November 12, 1792.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 14 Members & 11 Visitors including R. W. G. M. Jonathan B. Smith. Petition received from Geo. Laney.—Petition for membership from Bro John O Hara a M. M. of Lodge No. 178 Lisburn, Ireland, was approved. Bro. Morris advanced to Master Mason. Joseph Gamble approved.

December 10, 1792.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 18 members & 18 Visitors. Geo Lany approved and Jno Gamble & Geo. Laney initiated. Bro Edwd Farone. approved and admitted. A petition was presented from Bro O'Hara, setting forth that expressions injurious to his character had been made by Brother Thomas Wilkins of Lodge No 9 and praying that a committee be appointed to make inquiry respecting the premises giving notice to the said Thomas Wilkins of the time and place of meeting of said

committe, that a report of the proceedings of the committe may be transmitted to the secretary of this Lodge in order to ground an application to the Grand Lodge. Upon consideration the worshipful Master and Bros. Service and Kitts were appointed a committe according to the prayer of said petition. Election of Officers—Jacob Bankson W M Samuel Jervis S. W. Jno Rice J. W. Rich[d] Hunt Treas[r]. The W. M. apptd Jno Service S D, John Riley J D. Geo A Baker Secty



CHAPTER XVIII.

The Close of the Eighteenth Century, 1793–1799.

THE year 1793 was a portentous one. Philadelphia, having become the seat of the federal government, became a haven for a class of emigrants, who were destined to exert a baneful influence upon our whole social and political economy, and for a time even threaten the stability of our government, going so far as to attempt the impeachment and overthrow of President Washington. These emigrants were known as French emigrés. The first to arrive were fugitive royalists, then came the fugitives from San Domingo and later Genet, the representative of the French Republic, and his followers. The story of the French agitators is well known; how they decried all religion and, during the Epidemic of that fateful year, succeeded in closing all but two churches in the city.[1]

From our minutes, however, we find that this agita-

[1] "Religious and Social Conditions of Philadelphia, 1790–1800," by Julius F. Sachse, Philadelphia, 1900.

tion by the misguided foreigners had but little or no effect upon our Lodges. This tide of atheism and rationalism found no entrance within the tiled portals of our halls. Regular meetings were held and the work done during the whole of this trying period, with the great light of Freemasonry always present and unclouded.

Even during the fearful epidemic of the year 1793 regular stated meetings were held, until the middle of September, when the death rate had increased at such a terrible rate that the Grand Lodge ordered a suspension from labor until all danger was past and the health and population had returned to its normal conditions.

In the report of the Centennial Committee of Lodge No. 2 of November 15, 1858, we find the following:

> The memorable yellow fever year 1793 was a period when Masonry blazed forth in its brightest light. The craft in that year was found at the bedside of suffering humanity, tending and conmforting the sick in their dying hours. The members of Lodge No; 2 deserted their Lodge Room but met weekly at each other's houses, and there consulted as to their conduct. The masonic work of the craft was entirely neglected for the social duties of the fraternity, and the yearly dues were for that year remitted. Theirs was a glorious but melancholy vocation for seven of the members fell victims to the fearful epidemic.[2]

Some idea of the condition of the city during the summer of this year may be formed from the following gleanings from the official reports, viz., from

August 1 to November 9 there were no less than 4,041 deaths from the epidemic in Philadelphia. Of the 6,327 dwelling houses then in Philadelphia 2,728 were abandoned by the owners, and 11,906 of the white inhabitants out of a total of 34,835 fled from the city.[2]

Among the members of the Citizen's Committee formed to alleviate the sufferings of the afflicted, no names shine out brighter than those of Brothers Stephen Girard, Lodge No. 3, Israel Israel, Lodge No. 3, and Mathew Clarkson.

How this terrible plague affected our fraternity becomes apparent from the pages of our old minute books in the record of the many cases of relief to the widows and orphans of our deceased brethren.

The following graphic account of the dreadful scourge was written by a Brother Mason in Philadelphia and sent to the *Freemason's Magazine* in London, wherein it was published.[3]

PHILADELPHIA, October 16, 1793.

From the first appearance, till towards the close of August the dangerous enemy we had in the city was hardly known;

[2] The yellow fever of 1793 first made it appearance at The Red Stores belonging to Summere & Brown which were in the second wharf above Arch Street. The first victims were: (1) Mrs. Maria Lemaigre (widow of Peter Lemaigre, merchant of 77 North Water Street, 1793), a French lady; (2) the stevedore of the ship that brought it to the wharf, and (3) Mr. William Burkhard, of 57 North Water Street. Ritter's "Philadelphia and her Merchants," p. 26.

[3] *Freemason's Magazine,* London, November, 1793, p. 527.

the deaths of several persons were successively announced in the Papers, and read with the unconcern usual on such occasions.

At length, the alarm spread through the city. The destructive nature of the disease was generally known, and many persons, aware of the danger, removed with their families to different parts of the country. Numbers of our most useful and respectable citizens who remained in the city, were hurried into eternity.

The terror now became universal. The emigrations to the country were very great—and about the middle of September, it is supposed, that 12 or 15,000 of the inhabitants of Philadelphia had deserted the city.

But it is time our fellow citizens throughout the United States, should know as nearly as possible the real state of our city. The mortality which has raged, has carried off to this day about 3000 persons. About 23,000 people have left city, and above 30,000 remain behind. These, notwithstanding the terror of the country people, find plentiful markets. Beef is sold 7d.—mutton 5d.—veal 7d.—butter 1s. 6d. 1s. 8d. and 2s. per pound; and in general all other articles in proportion. Business is not entirely at a stand. Many stores are still open, and even now, not many more than half our houses are deserted. The Banks have not ceased discounting a single day since the commencement of this disorder.

Among the most revolting circumstances attending this scourge, is the cruelty exercised against some who are, and many who are only supposed to be, infected. Two or three persons, travelling in the stages to New-York, being taken sick, were compelled by their fellow passengers to leave the stage, with their baggage, when on the road, wearied and distressed, they could procure no relief, nor shelter—but abso-

lutely perished with sickness and hunger. On the Lancaster road, a similar instance occurred. There have been very many instances, in which as soon as a person was seized with the fever, he was immediately abandoned by friends and relations, and resigned to the care of perhaps a single negro. This has been the case of persons of great affluence. And there are not wanting cases of persons so totally deserted, as to be without a human being to hand them a drink of water. Parents have deserted their children—children their parents—husbands their wives—and wives their husbands. It is probably not exaggeration to suppose that a fourth or a fifth of the whole of the persons who have died, have been sacrificed through the consternation of those who ought to have taken care of them. Since the early terrors have been dispelled, these desertions have become rare.

Unfortunately we have had, for a continuance of time, a series of weather uncommonly favourable to this disorder. For above two months we have hardly had any rain; and during that time, there have not been above ten or twelve cool days. It is worthy of particular attention, that the degree of mortality has depended greatly on the degree of heat. On very sultry days, the number of deaths has been much greater than on cool days. A fall of rain last night, accompanied with cold weather, which continues this day, has made a most flattering change in the prospects of this city. The discordant opinions and practices of the gentlemen of the faculty have been a great means of distroying the confidence of the public in their prescriptions. Dr. Rush and some other Physicians, have strongly advised bleeding, and purges of calomel and jalap. They have been very successful. Others have rested their hopes principally on the

cold bath, bark, generous living, and a few occasional glasses of old Madeira.

Monday, January 14, 1793.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 11 members and 8 Visitors. Bro Laney & Gamble advanced to Fellow Craft. Petitions from John Kelly and David McCullough, Bro Praise Wadman who withdrew was again admitted.

Monday, February 11, 1793.—Bro. O'Hara's affair was postponed until next Lodge Night. Present 15 members and 17 Visitors including R. W. G. M. Jonathan B. Smith. Jno Kelly & David McCullough approved & initated. Petition from John Justice.

March 11, 1793.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 18 members and 10 Visitors. Petitions from Henry Myers, John Duffield and Thomas Coffee—John Justice approved and initiated. Bro McCullough & Kelly advanced to Fellow Craft. Petition from Bro Rich[d] Hicks

April 8, 1793.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 13 members and 7 Visitors. Bro's McCullough, Laney & Kelly advanced to M. M. Petitions were received from Thomas Brown and Benjamin Cowan.

May 13, 1793.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 13 Members and 18 Visitors viz:—R. W. G. M. Jonathan B. Smith.

Bro. John McClellan No 3
" Jacob Cozens No 52
" Caldwallader Griffith No 52
" Wm. Lea

Bro. S. Brooks No 52
" S Pancoast No 51
" Wm Lawrence No 3
" Rich Babe No 3
" Wm King No 3
" Hugh McBride No 22 Ireland
" David Thompson No 336 Ireland
" Arch. McDugan No 688 Ireland
" Robert Farrell No 468 Ireland
" —— Matthews No 673 Ireland
" John Anderson No 350 Ireland
" Jas. McElroy No 595 Ireland
" Omen Moran No 202 Ireland

"The Secretary laid before the Lodge the papers by him prepared for the Grand Lodge, being a Copy of our Bye Laws also a list of our Members, Initiations, Admissions &c up to St John's Day last and an Account of the Lodge dues, due from the Lodge to the Grand Lodge up to the same period. Copies of which said List & Account here follow. Which having been approved of the Seal of the Lodge having been affixed unto them, the Worshipful Master signed the same and they were attested by the Secretary, an order was then drawn on the Treasurer for the sum of Fifteen Pounds One Shilling and Eight Pence in favor of the Grand Treasurer being for the amount of said account of Lodge dues, Bro's Joshua Z Cozens and Joseph Gamble advanced to Master Mason. Richd Hicks withdrew his Petition. A Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to confer with Committees from the other Lodges on the subject of appointing an additional Tyler for the purpose of

attending this Lodge Room. The W. Master & S. Warden were appointed a Committee for that purpose."

[On the 6th day of June 1793 Brother John Kelly gave his note of hand of that date in which Bro Edward Farone was joined in favor of the Worshipful Master for Eleven Dollars payable six months after date, it being the amount of his Lodge Dues and he thereupon received a recommendation to the Grand Lodge to obtain a Grand Lodge Certificate.]

June 10, 1793.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 11 members & 13 Visitors. Thos Coffee approved & initiated. Brothers Samuel Jervis and John Morris are appointed a Committee to meet the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge for the purpose of taking care of the Lodge Room and in conjunction with committees from the other Lodges appoint a Tyler or Tylers to attend the different Lodges and in case of neglect or misconduct by the Tyler at any time to remove him and appoint another in his stead, and to make their report at the next Lodge night.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer for Twelve Dollars in favor of Bro Samuel Brooks for amount of his account for making a Seal for this Lodge.

Bro Joseph Gamble & Joshua Z Cozens received Grand Lodge Certificates and withdrew.

July 8, 1793.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 13 Members and 8 Visitors. Henry Myers approved.

"On motion it was recommended that the W M make application to the R. W. Grand Master to be informed whether amongst the French Refugees lately arrived and those expected to arrive here there be any person in distress more especially Masons who may stand in need of assistance." Henry Myers initiated.—Thos Brown withdraws Petition.

PHILADA July 9th 1793.

Grand Lodge

To Fredk Miller

To cleaning & Skrubing &.....	£ 1—10—0
2 Quart Spirits to Whitewasher & Woman...	0— 3—9
1 Doz Lokers for Chandeliers.....	0— 6—0
4 Days Attendance at the L. Room.....	1— 0—0
	£ 2—19—9

Received 10th July 1793 of Br McCree the above in full

FREDk MILLER,

July 9, 1793.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 6 Members. Bro Coffee advanced to Fellow Craft & Master Mason. Bro Charles Divine proposed.

August 12, 1793.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 8 Members and 11 Visitors. Bro Divine withdraws Petition. Applications from John Martin Joseph Whitehead, John Morton and John Patton.

"A Motion was made and seconded, That whereas it has been reported that John O'Hara, a member of this Lodge has been guilty of Theft, viz stealing a watch from Joseph Mansfield, that he be summoned as heretofore at his usual place of abode to attend at the next stated Lodge night and show cause why he should not be expelled this Lodge."

Thursday, August 29, 1793.—Extra Lodge. Present 6 Members & 2 Visitors. By Dispensation John Hammill approved & initated and advanced to Fellow Craft.

Friday, August 30, 1793.—Extra Lodge. Present 7 Members & 8 Visitors. Bro John Hammill advanced to Master Mason & withdrew, G. L. Certf.

September 9, 1793.—Present 8 Members & 11 Visitors. Jno Morton, John Patton and Joseph Whitehead approved, Jno Patton & John Morton initated, Bro Jno Morton paid into the hands of the W. M. 18⅔ Dolls in full of his Fees and Bro John Patton the like sum but change not being convenient the Lodge is indebted to Captain Patton 2/6^{d}.

Saturday, September 14, 1793.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 7 Members and 13 Visitors. John Martin initated, Bro Jno Patton advanced to Fellow Craft & Master Mason.

On account of the Yellow Fever raging in the City of Philadelphia there were no Lodges held in the months of October and November.

Monday, December 9, 1793.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 9 Members and 5 Visitors, Rudman Robinson approved & initated, Bro Riley was appointed as Tyler for said Lodge No 2, Pro. Tem. until an appointment may take place he receiving the common Emolument. Application from David Irving.

Monday, December 16, 1793.—Extra Lodge. Present 8 Members & 12 Visitors. Bro John Martin and

R Robinson adv to Fellow Craft. Election postponed so few members present.

On St. John's Day, Friday, December 27, 1793.—A charity sermon was preached in St. Paul's Church in Philadelphia by Rev. Samuel Magaw, D.D., before the Grand and Subordinate Lodges for the purpose of increasing the relief fund. There is a well-founded tradition that President Washington was present upon this occasion, and that he made ample contribution to the fund. This latter fact is proven by the following minute in the Grand Lodge records:

St. John's Day, December 27, 1793.

Grand Lodge

"*Resolved,* that Bro. Proctor and Poor be requested to wait upon His Excellency, Bro George Washington, with the Compliments of the Day, and respectful Thanks of the Grand Lodge for his generous Donation to the Poor."

In anticipation of above celebration the following notice appeared in the papers of December 21, 1793.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, December 18, 1793.

On next St John's day, Friday the 27th instant, the Grand Lodge will attend divine service at St. Paul's Church, where a sermon will be delivered, at their request, by the Rev. Dr. Magaw.

The officers and brethren of the several Lodges, and all sojourners of the craft, are requested to join in the solemnity which has for its more immediate object the alleviating of

the distresses of the needy, the widow and the orphan, reduced by the late calamity to a situation calling peculiarly for the ossistance of the brethren

By order of the R. W. Grand Master,

P. Le Barbier Du Plessis, *Gr. Sec'ry.*

N. B.—The Grand Lodge, deeply impressed with a sense of the calamity to which their brethren and fellow citizens have been subjected, have unanimously agreed to relinquish the accustomed feast on the said day.

The committee appointed to arrange and superintend the intended procession on next St. John's day, inform their brethren who may incline to join the Grand Lodge, that the doors of the Grand Lodge room, corner of Arch and fifth streets, will be opened at 9 o'clock, and the Grand Lodge move at 10 precisely, in the forenoon, to the church.

It is hoped that the brethren will be influenced by that spirit of unanimity and brotherly love which characterize Masons, to be punctual in their attendance; and that heaven born charity, which pervades and adorns the human heart, will effectuate the purpose of the Grand Lodge, by procuring substantial assistance in relieving the wants of the needy, and the distress of the mourning widow, and the unhappy situation of the lonely orphan, many of which description are thrown on the attention of the Grand Lodge by the late unhappy calamity in this city.

Tickets, without which no brother shall be permitted to join in the procession, may be had of either of the subscribers.

John McElwee
John Poor
Cadw'r Griffith
Thomas Proctor

December 21 1793

The following Masonic prayer was made by Rev. Bro. Magaw, before the sermon:

O thou who sittest between the Cherubims! eternal in excellency! and *builder* of all worlds! Wisdom, strength and beauty dwell with thee! Thy Being we adore! thy works we view with wonder! and in the midst of these, the pillars of thy temple, we trace the stately footsteps of the GREAT I AM!—May the proportion, order and arrangement, *there* so brightly visible, convey an assimilating influence to the temple of human minds!

Center of Happiness! from whom we have turned away—"Raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us." Renew that sweet attraction, by which we shall again come near to thee; and live, and move, and duly act, in the honorable places thou didst assign us from the beginning.

Source of Light! destroy the *covering* of darkness cast over so many faces! Send thy purifying radiance, that we may be *light* in thee! By the leading of thy truth, as by the kindly star in yonder EAST, manifest the EVERLASTING WORD! Shew us *the brightness* of the *Father's glory.*

God of *Love!* who hast made it divinely known, that all our doings, without charity, are nothing worth, pour into our hearts that most perfect gift, the very bond of purified communications, and of all the virtues! Impart to us the spirit that should endue; the graces that should adorn; the skill that should accomplish *workmen* who need not be ashamed—Give the generous wish—the feeling heart; and, when there is opportunity, the liberal hand!

Father of *All!* who are no respecter of persons—ere long, may every kindred and people, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south, see thy great salvation! and be associated into *one brotherhood*—and their *symbol,* and their name, be *one!* Reveal over the whole earth, the mystery hid from ages—the decree of deliverance through SHILOH, who is come!

Bountiful Sovereign! bestow furtherance and blessing upon all who breathe benevolence, and strive to dwell together in *unity!* Refresh them as with the *dew of Hermon!* Enrich them as with the gold of *Ophir!* Put on them beautiful garments! and let them be *all-glorious within!*

Infinite of Goodness! Friend of Man! Countenance, in particular, thy servants here present on this occasion—persons of various orders, and several denominations; yet declaring to consent in this

one business—*to love one another, and to do extensive offices of kindness.* Preserve unbroken, this ancient bond! Brighten this chain of venerable friendship! Keep them from the *evil* that is in the world! Suffer them not to touch an unhallowed thing, nor confusion to mar their *work!* "May all the building, fitly framed together, grow unto an holy temple in the Lord."

Send them, this day, with their companions numerous and *true,* as favorable angels, to soften the distress of thy *poor;* to reach some clothing to the shivering *naked;* to deal their bread to the *hungry;* to comfort the *destitute,* the *languishing,* and the *sorrowful;* to save from perishing!

As long as there is *one* afflicted traveler in the world's wilderness, let there not be wanting *many* of these *good Samaritans!*

And now while we thank thee, O liberal Bestower of favors! that the voice of gladness and health is restored to so many of our dwellings, we ask these further gifts to crown our happiness. The tenderest feeling of our neighbor's woe; the grace and generosity to share in others' sorrows, as well as joys; the will and the ability to show we love as brethren!

That, as shrines in some venerable sanctuary, every association among them may be holiness unto the Lord: that these states may prosper, and all the people praise thee—be pleased, thou Lover of Concord! to continue our National Confederacy: May its glory still appear: and the goodly fellowship pass along with increasing character of Millions yet unborn.

May all that can make great and free, and happy, distinguish the land we live in! Let it be blessed of the Most High, for the precious things of the earth, and fulness thereof! Let our men be few, nor unacceptible to their brethren! May our sons grow up as the young plants, and our daughters be as the polished corners of the Temple!—

May the lamp of Science burn clear in these climes of freedom; and our Golden Candlesticks never be removed! May wisdom competent to every exigence, and fortitude superior to danger. May incorruptible fidelity and care to execute the trust committed to them inspire our Civil Rulers, and all the Representatives of the people—

Finally—That we may remain the objects of thy loving kindness—a People whom the Lord Jehovah will defend and prosper; and whose posterity he will be in the midst of forever. May pure

Religion and such unblemished manners as will shed a dignity on our Christian calling, prevail among us!—

And may the glory of the latter House be greater than the former; and in this place may the Lord of Hosts give harmony and peace.—As long as the Sun and Moon shall endure, through our only mediator and advocate Christ Jesus—

Monday, January 13, 1794.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 10 Members and 3 Visitors. David Irving approved & initiated Applications of Richard Morthwaite and John Pierce & Bro Felix McCarty Rudman Robinson advanced to M M.

February 10, 1794.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 13 Members and 9 Visitors. Jos Pierce approved and initated Bro Irvin advanced to Fellow Craft. Bro J Martin advanced to Master Mason. Bro Thos Coffee withdrew.

March 10, 1794.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 8 Members & 13 Visitors. Rich[d] Morthwaite withdrew his Petition. Bro Felix McCarty approved. Bro J Pierce advanced to Fellow Craft.

March 17, 1794.—Extra Lodge. Present 11 Members and 9 Visitors. Applications from John Steel and Andrew B Bankson. Bro Irvin & Pierce advanced to Master Mason.

April 14, 1794.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 9 Members and 17 Visitors. Petition from John Steel and Andrew B. Bankson A motion was made by the W. M. and seconded that special notice be given to Brother G. A. Baker, Secretary of this Lodge requesting to know whether he intends any longer to act

Things Lovely and of good Report.

A SERMON,

DELIVERED IN

St. PAUL'S CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA.

On the 27th of DECEMBER, 1793:

BEING

St. JOHN the EVANGELIST'S DAY;

IN THE PRESENCE OF

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

TO WHICH IS PREFIXED

A PRAYER, before the SERMON.

Published at their Request.

By Samuel Magaw, D. D.

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TITLE PAGE OF REV. BRO. MAGAW'S CHARITY SERMON.

TO

The Grand Lodge *of* Pennsylvania.

IN PARTICULAR:

And to the *Communications* of the

Ancient MASONIC Order,

The Officers, Brethren, Sojourners,

Fellow Labourers, and

Builders,

In the *Temple* which is called

BEAUTIFUL,

WHEREVER THEY ARE,

Who, from Choice, or Chance,

May meet with this Diſcourſe,---

It is Inſcribed,

With Sentiments of high Reſpect,

By their affectionate,

And moſt obedient Servant,

The Author.

DEDICATION OF REV. BRO. MAGAW'S CHARITY SERMON, DECEMBER 27, 1793.

in that capacity and if he does requesting him to bring up the accounts of the Lodge.—The W. M undertook to perform the business.

May 12, 1794.—Present 12 Members and 18 Visitors. Petition from John Smith and John Brock, Christian Hubbard and Robert McFee approved. Petition from Nathan Jervis. Geo A Baker resigned as Secretary. John Steel and Andrew B Bankson approved. John Steel, Christian Hubbard and Robert McFee initiated.

May 19, 1794.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 11 Members and 10 Visitors. John Brock initated and advanced to Fellow Craft. Christian Hubbard advanced to Fellow Craft. "The W M made a motion that in future all members as well as visiting brethren should pay into the hands of the Secretary when they first enter the room one quarter of a dollar unless the first time of visiting."

June 9, 1794.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 13 Members and 15 Visitors. Petition from Thomas F Lawler and Samuel Lees. Bro R McFee and Bro Jno Steel advanced to Fellow Craft. A. B. Bankson initiated. Nathan Jervis approved.

June 16, 1794.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 12 Members and 6 Visitors. Nathan Jarvis initiated Bro C. Hubbard advanced to Master Mason.

June 23, 1794.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 20 members and 9 Visitors. Bro R McFee advanced to

Master Mason. Following Brethren were then Elected to serve until St. John's Day next:—Bro J Bankson W. M. Praise Wadman S. W. R Robeson J. W. Bro Richard Hunt Treas^{r} & A. B. Bankson Sect'y, John Riley S D. & D Irvin J D. Bro John Anderson approved.

July 14, 1794.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 16 Members and 4 Visitors. S. W. and J. W. installed in the presence of four Past Masters of different Lodges. Samuel Lees approved. Petition received from William Harrison and John R Taylor. A. B. Bankson advanced to Fellow Craft. It was moved and agreed to unanimously that from and after this night every Brother, whether a member of the Lodge or a visiting member shall upon his entering the Lodge give in his name to the Secretary and pay his dues to the Treasurer or in his absence to the Secretary.

July 21, 1794.—Adjourned Lodge Night. Present 15 Members and 10 Visitors. It was moved and agreed that all Petitions presented to the Lodge hereafter shall be sealed.'' Andrew B Bankson adv^{d} to Master Mason. Bro Saml Lees adv^{d} to Fellow Craft.

August 11, 1794.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 14 Members and 6 Visitors. John R. Taylor approved and initiated.—Wm Harrison withdraws his Petition.

August 18, 1794.—Adjourned Lodge Night. Pres-

ent 13 Members and 8 Visitors. Bro S Lees adv[d] to Master Mason Bro Taylor adv[d] to Fellow Craft.

September 8, 1794.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 20 Members & 5 Visitors. Petition from Edward Riley & Hugh Manning. Moved and seconded that 1000 blank notices be struck off and that the Treasurer be directed to pay for same. Bro J Steel adv[d] to Master Mason. Bro J R Taylor adv[d] to Master Mason. Bro McCullough applies for Grand Lodge Certificate. A petition from Thomas Morgan praying assistance was read but his character not appearing respectable it was ordered withdrawn.

October 13, 1794.—Present 10 Members & 5 Visitors. Petition from Rufus Green.

November 10, 1794.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 11 Members and 8 Visitors. R Green approved and initiated, and adv[d] to Fellow Craft.

December 8, 1794.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 11 Members and 8 Visitors. Election of officers,—Jacob Bankson W M Rudman Robeson S. W. and David Irving J. W. and installed. "The Installation of the other Officers being postponed on account of the multiplicity of business" John Huston approved, John Riley approved, Wm Bell Petition then applied to No 59 he was declared unworthy to become a member of Lodge No 2, John Huston and John Riley initiated. Relief granted to Achmet Ben Ali, a Master Mason from Algiers.

January 19, 1795.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 9 Members and 2 Visitors. Petition from Bro James Shaw. John Huston and John Riley adv[d] to Fellow Craft. John Wheelan chosen Tyler.

Friday, January 23, 1795.—Standing Committe of Lodge No 2 Met according to the order of said Lodge at the House of David Irving in Dock Street—Present Bros Wadman—Irving—Service The W. M, Sec'y and Books not being present—adjourned to *Saturday 24th 1795.* At this meeting John Wheelan was chosen Tyler. As neither Master or Sec'y were present Committe adjourned until the next Day

Sunday, January 25, 1795.—Committe met according to adjournment present Jacob Bankson W. M. Rudman Robeson S. W.—David Irving J. W. Praise Wadman Treas. The Sec'y not being present nor the books produced no investigation could be had, but ordered and agreed upon, that the sitting Committe of Lodge No 2 meet at the house of Bro David Erwing on Saturday Evening next at 6 O'clock and that the secretary be directed to make a full statement of the accounts, and to bring forward the Books of the Lodge in order that what is proper may be done.

A Statement of the conduct of Lodge No. 59 with respect to the supposed improper admittance of William Bell, was read and directed to be transcribed and shewn to the Grand Lodge on To morrow at 2 o'Clock,

the stated time of their meeting.—The Committee recommend that Brother John Service employ a person upon the most moderate Terms for the use of the Lodge to procure the following Jewells, to wit, A Passt Masters Jewell, a Masters, Senior Wardens, Junior Wardens, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Secretary, Treasurer, and one Square which shall be marked No 2—And an Order drawn by him upon the Master for Payment of the same, and that it be requested of Brother Service to endeavour to procure the same, at or before the next Stated Lodge Night, which will be on the Second Monday in next Month.—Closed the Adjournment to Saturday next at 6 o'Clock and finished the business in Harmony at 9 o'Clock.

Saturday, January 31, 1795.—The Committee met according to Adjournment. Present

Bros. Jacob Bankson, W. M.
" David Erwing J. W.
" Praise Wadman, Treasurer
" Andrew B. Bankson, Sec'y.

As neither the S. W. nor either of the Deacons, attended & as the Worshipful Masters private business rendered his stay impossible the Members of the Committee who were present thought it most proper to adjourn until Monday Evening next the 2nd. of Febry. at 6 o'Clock without entering into any particular business.

Monday, February 2, 1795.—The Committee met

according to adjournment.—Present: Bro^r David Erwing, J. W.; Praise Wadman, Treasurer; John Service. The members present thought it not prudent to go into business and therefore adjourned until Wednesday the 4th inst. at 6 o'Clock P. M. and Notice is to be sent to the absentees.

Wednesday, February 4, 1795.—The Committee met according to adjournment. Present: Bro^rs. Rudman Robeson, S. W.; David Erwing, J. W.; Praise Wadman, Treasurer. They not being sufficient to do business, and being so often disappointed; thought proper to dissolve, and are now ready to make Report.

N. B.—The Committee offered Five Dollars to Brother Achmet Ben Ali, in pursuance to the Order of the Lodge which Sum was refused by him, as being to inconsiderable.

Part of the Standing Committee of Lodge No 2 beg leave to Report, that after having several different Meetings, they have not been able to do the material part of the business entrusted to them, owing to the absence of the Worshipful Master and Secretary. They therefore only suggest to the Lodge, that as the business is of the highest importance to the Welfare, and even to the existence of the Lodge, it is essentially necessary that some speedy and effectual mode should be adopted by which the settlement of that business might be completed.

(Signed) Rudem^n Robeson S. W.
David Irving J. W.

February 9, 1795.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 9 Members and 5 Visitors including Achmet Ben Ali. Petitions from John Brown, Bro John Boyd, formerly a Master Mason of Lodge No 4 which lost its Warrant. Bro John Huston adv^d^ to Master Mason.

February 16, 1795.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 9 Members and 8 Visitors. Petition from Henry Wister, Bro Jno Riley adv^d^ to Master Mason.

March 9, 1795.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 15 Members & 3 Visitors. Jno Brown approved and initiated Fee $18.—

Friday, March 20, 1795.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 10 members and 7 Visitors. Bro John Boyd apprv^d^ and Henry Wistar apprv^d^ and initiated. A sett of Jewels were delivered by Bro. Service to Lodge at cost of £ 19—11—7½. It was ordered that aprons be made for the Lodge with Characters and Emblems according to the officers rank and dignity.

April 13, 1795.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 15 members and 6 Visitors. Petitions from John Kean and Thomas Cash, Levi Jordan & Dennis McLaughlin Augustine Jones a Fellow Craft of No 4 approved, Henry Wistar adv^d^ to Fellow Craft. John Brown adv^d^ to Master Mason.

April 15, 1795.—Adjourned Lodge 3 O'clock P M Bro Henry Wistar and Augustine Jones adv^d^ to Master Mason and applied for Grand Lodge Certificate. Lodge closed at 6 O'Clock.

May 11, 1795.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 19 members and 21 Visitors. Petition from Joseph Mansfield. Jonathan Butler, Gordon McNeill & Miles Rourke Bro John Kean, & Thos Cash approved and initiated.

Saturday, May 16, 1795.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 11 members and 17 Visitors. Petition from Abraham Morrow, Dennis McLaughlin approved and initiated.

June 8, 1795.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 21 members & 3 Visitors. Election—Jacob Bankson W. M. David Irwin S. W. Robert McFee J. W. Praise Wadman Treas^{r} Dennis McLaughlin Secty. Felix McCarty S. D. & Jno Service. J. D. Petitions from Michael Wistar & Chas McManemy. A Morrow & J Mansfield apprv^{d}. A. Morrow initiated.

Tuesday, June 9, 1795.—Adjourned Lodge (9 A. M). Present 8 Members Joseph Mansfield initiated, Bro Cash and McLaughlin adv^{d} to Fellow Craft. Bro McLaughlin adv^{d} to Master Mason.

Monday, June 15, 1795.—Adjourned Lodge 9 A. M. Present 9 Members & 3 Visitors. Petition from Edward Robinson & John Baxter. Miles Rourke approved and initiated. "Brothers Bankson and Service have procured 2 Doz skins for aprons and Bro Service is appointed to have them trimm'd with Blue Ribbon on or before St John's Day" Bro Abm Morrow adv^{d} to Fellow Craft. "Bros McCarthy and

Wistar are appointed to wait on Bro Cash to give directions to provide a Dinner for at least 18 members of Lodge No 2 on St Johns Day next''

Monday, June 22, 1795.—Extra Lodge. Present 11 members and 1 Visitor. Bro Cash A Morrow adv[d] to Master Mason. Bro Miles Rourke adv[d] to Fellow Craft.

St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24, 1795, was celebrated, with a procession, a religious service at old St. Peter's Church, Third and Pine Streets, with a sermon by Rev. Dr. William Smith. This was the last Masonic sermon preached by that venerable theologian and Freemason.

After the return to the Hall at the conclusion of the service the following resolution was adopted:

On motion and seconded, *Resolved,* That the Committee of Arrangements be requested to wait on Bro. Dr. Smith with the thanks of this Lodge for the discourse by him delivered on this day, and request the favor of a copy of the same for publication, and that one thousand copies thereof be printed at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

There is no record, however, that this resolution was ever carried into effect. The sermon is included in the works of Wm. Smith, D.D., Vol. II., p. 73, published in Philadelphia, 1803, a copy of which is in the Grand Lodge Library.

The following advertisement and account of the Celebration of St. John the Evangelist's Day ap-

peared in Poulson's *American Daily Advertiser,* June 24, 1795:

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, ST. JOHN'S DAY.

The officers and brethren of the different Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand of Pennsylvania, are requested to meet at the Lodge Room, corner of Arch and Fifth Streets, on St. John's Day the 24th inst. precisely at 8 o'clock in the morning. After the business which will then be communicated shall be done, a procession will be formed, to proceed from thence to St. Peter's Church, where a discourse, suitable to the occasion, will be delivered by our Rev. Brother Dr. Smith.

By order of the R. W. Grand Master.

THOMAS ARMSTRONG, *Grand Sec.*

June 16, 1795.

PHILADELPHIA, JUNE 24, ORDER OF PROCESSION.

On Saint John's Day, June 24, 1795, as laid down by the Committee of Arangements appointed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania—

1. Trumpeter.
2. Two Tylers with drawn Swords.
3. Entered Apprentices, two and two.
4. Twelve Fellow Crafts with White wands two and two.
5. The rest of the Fellows Crafts do.
6. Stewards of the different Lodges do.
7. Master Masons of the different Lodges do.
8. Junior Deacons of the different do with the badges of their order.
9. Senior Deacons do do.
10. Junior Wardens do do.
11. Senior Wardens do do.

12. Treasurers of the different Lodges do.
13. Secretaries of do do.
14. Present Masters of Lodges.
15. Past Masters of the do.
16. Band of Music.
17. Grand Persuivant with drawn Sword.
18. Two Grand Sword bearers do.
19. Two Grand Stewards.
20. Grand Deacons with the badges of the order.
21. Corinthian order.
22. Bible Square and Compass with Cushion.
23. The Dorick and Ionick orders.
24. Grand Chaplain and Past Grand Chaplain.
25. Two Grand Secretaries with the Book of Constitution and Warrant of the Grand Lodge.
26. Past Grand Secretaries.
27. Grand Treasurer.
28. Past Grand Treasurer.
29. Grand Wardens with Collumns.
30. Past Grand Wardens.
31. Grand Master and Deputy.
32. Past Grand Masters and Deputies.

To proceed from the Lodge Room (at the Corner of Arch and Fifth Streets) at eight o'clock this morning to St. Peter's Church, where Divine Service will be performed.

Monday, July 13, 1795.—Extra Lodge (10 A. M) Present 7 members and 1 Visitor. Officers installed.

July 13, 1795.—Stated Lodge (7 p. m.) Present 16 members & 7 Visitors Edward Robinson and John Baxter approved also Michael Wistar & Charles McManemy & Levi Jordan. Gordon McNeil rejected.

Petition from Samuel Cowperthwait, William Dunton, John Cloer and John Patterson. Edward Robinson, John Baxter, Michael Wistar, Charles McManemy and Levi Jordan initiated.

August 10, 1795.—Stated Lodge. Present 25 members and 10 Visitors. Samuel Cowperthwait, John Cloer and John Patterson approved and initiated Petitions from Oliver Rhea Christian Sweitzer, Joshua Buffington, Joseph Burden, Michael Murphy, Joshua Mitchell, John Kessler and Timothy O Brien. Lodge adjourned to Monday Aug 17.

Monday, August 17, 1795.—Present 15 members and 9 Visitors. Bro^{s} M Wister Edwd Robinson, Chas McManemy & Jno Patterson adv^{d} to Fellow Craft and M. Wistar about going to sea was adv^{d} to Master Mason.

August 24, 1795.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 17 members & 15 Visitors. Bro Jno Baxter & John Cloer adv^{d} to Fellow Craft. Miles Rourke adv^{d} to Master Mason.

September 14, 1795.—Stated Lodge. Present 23 members and 14 Visitors, Petitions from John Barry, Mark Cowperthwaithe, Naphthali Campbell Samuel Mitchell and Lawrence Justice. Approved Christian Sweitzer, Joshua Buffington and John Kessler. Initiated C. Sweitzer and Jno Kessler. Rejected Oliver Rhea.

September 21, 1795.—Extra Lodge. Present 18

members and 4 Visitors. Initiated J. Buffington. M. M. John Baxter & Jno Cloer.

October 12, 1795.—Stated Lodge. Present 25 members & 25 Visitors. T. O, Brian withdraws his Petition. Thos Vantenbergh Petition. Approved and Initiated Joseph Burden, Jon Barry, Michael Murphy, Samuel Mitchell & Lawrence Justice.

October 19, 1795.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 20 members & 10 Visitors. N Campbell & Joshua Mitchell approv[d] & initiated, Jno Steel Resigned. Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 O'Clock to meet again on Monday next at 6 Oclock.

October 26, 1795.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 16 members and 9 Visitors. Bro J Mansfield, C Sweitzer J. Buffington and John Kessler adv[d] to Fellow Craft.

An Account was transmitted by a Committee from the Grand Lodge, respecting the Rent and Fire Wood of the Lodge Room, the consideration whereof was postponed until the next Stated Lodge Night.

November 9, 1795.—Stated Lodge. Present 29 members and 17 Visitors. Petition from David Sayres. Thos Vantenbergh apprv[d] & initiated. Mark Cowperthwaithe approved. J Mansfield, Edward Robinson and Jno Patterson adv[d] to Master Mason.

The Continued Committee on the Petition of Oliver Rhea made Report that he was the Identical Person respecting whom they had made their former Report.

The Representation made by Brother John Kean against Brother John Huston was taken into Consideration, and after having heard the Report of the Committee appointed to investigate the same it was unanimously Agreed That Brother Huston should be excluded from the Benefits of Masonry for the Term of One Year, and that the Secretary of this Lodge give immediate Notice of the same to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge.

November 16, 1795.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 20 members and 10 Visitors. Mark Cowperthwait initiated, Petitions from James Miller and James McGuirck. Joseph Burden and Napthali Campbell advanced to Fellow Craft C Schweitzer adv[d] to Master Mason.

December 14, 1795.—Stated Lodge. Present 37 members and 6 Visitors. Election, David Irving W. M.—John Ream S. W.—Felix McCarthy J. W.—Abram Morrow S. D.—Samuel Lees, Junior D.—Praise Wadman Treasurer.—Edward Robinson, Secty. Petitions from James Crawford David G. Vance, Anthony Yerkes, George McNeer, John Oldham and Lambert Ledant. David Sayres approved and initiated John Steel withdraws.

December 21, 1795.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 25 members & 16 Visitors. D. Irving installed W. M. and the four other elective officers, S W, J W, Secty and Treas[r]. L. Justice, M. Murphy & Jno. Barry

advanced to Fellow Craft. Jno Kessler adv[d] to Master Mason.

A Past Master's Lodge was opened in due form and Brother David Irving was installed Worshipful Master. The Past Master's Lodge was closed and a Master Mason's Lodge opened. Brother John Kean was duly installed Senior Warden; Brother Felix McCarthy, Junior Warden; Brother Praise Wadman, Treasurer; and Edward Robinson, Secretary. The Master Mason's Lodge was closed and a Fellow Craft's Lodge opened—the minutes of the preceding Lodge Night were read.

List of Members from St. John's Day, Dec., 1792, to Dec., 1795.

Praise Wadman, M. M.
Jacob Bankson
Joseph Dean
William Yard
Joshua Z. Cozens
John Riley
Robert Lumsden
John Morris
Joseph Gamble
George Laney
John O'Hara
Edward Farone
John Kelly
David McCullough
John Justice
Henry Myers
John Duffield
Thomas Coffee
Henry Wistar
John Boyd, M. M.
Richard Hicks, M. M.
Thomas Brown
Benjamin Cowan Rogers
Charles Divine, M. M.
John Martin
Joseph Whitehead
John Morton
John Patton
John Hammill
Rudeman Robeson
David Irving
Richard Morthwaite
Rufus Green
John Huston
James Shaw, M. M.
John Brown
John Boyd, M. M.
John Brock
Christian Hubbard

Thomas Cash
Levi Jordan
Dennis McLaughlin
Augustine Jones—F. Craft
Joseph Mansfield
Jonathan Butler
Gordon McNeil
Miles Rourke
Abram Morrow
Michael Wistar
Charles McManamy
Edward Robinson
John Baxter
Sam[l]. Cowperthwaite
William Duntin
John Cloer
John Patterson
Oliver Rhea
Christ[n]. Sweitzer
Joshua Buffington
Joseph Burdin
Michael Murphy
Joshua Mitchell
Joseph Pierce
Felix McCarthy, M. M.
John Steel
Andrew B. Bankson
John Smith
Robert McFee
Nathan Jarvis
Thomas F. Lawler
Samuel Lees
John Anderson, M. M.
William Harrison
John R. Taylor
John Reiley
John Kean, M. M.
Hugh Manning
John Kessler
Timothy O'Brien
John Barry
Mark Cowperthwaite
Napthali Campbell
Samuel Mitchell
Lawrence Justice
Thomas Ventenburgh
David Sayres
James Miller
James McGuirk
James Crawford
David G. Vance
Anthony Yerkes
George McNeer
John Oldham
Lambert Ledant.

In Testimony whereof David Irving the Worshipful Master of said Lodge No 2 has hereunto set his Hand and caused the Seal of the said Lodge to be affixed in open Lodge held at Philadelphia the 21st. Day of December Anno Domini 1795

(signed) David Irving

[seal] Attest

(signed) Edward Robinson, *Sec'y.*

Monday, January 11, 1796.—Stated Lodge. Present 28 members and 20 Visitors including R. W. G. M.

Wm. M. Smith Bro Jas Miller Jas Crawford approved,—James McGuirck & David G. Vance, Petitions withdrawn. Lambert Ledourt, Rejected. Petitions from A. B. Spinacuta, Lewis Collins and Peter Buddy. Bal. in Treas hands $288.35 cts. Thos Vantenburgh & D Sayres adv[d] to Fellow Craft. "On Motion made and seconded It was agreed, That this Lodge in future hold their Stated Meetings on the Second and Fourth Mondays in each month: and that notice of the same be transmitted to the Grand Secty. Bro Jno Boyd applies for Grand Lodge Certificate.

January 12, 1796.—Adjourned Lodge. (10 a. m.) Present 10 members & 2 Visitors. Bro David Sayre advanced to Master Mason Lodge closed at 12 O'Clock

January 18, 1796.—Adjourned lodge [private]. Present 18 members James Crawford initiated. A Committee appointed to revise the Bye Laws.

That a Committee be appointed to call upon the Members absent this Evening and in Arrears to the Lodge in order to collect the dues owing by each—Whereupon

The Standing Committee consisting of Brother David Irving Brother John Kean and Brother Felix McCarthy were appointed to call upon the following Members to wit—

Bros. John Salsbury	Bros. John Baxter
" William Guise	" Chas. McManamy
" Asheton Humphreys	" Levi Jordan

Bros. John Rice
" John Davidson
" William Yard
" Francis Hancong
" John Cope
" Thomas Search
" Henry Robinson
" John Service
" Joseph Gamble
" George Laney
" John Justice
" William Milnor
" James Sutter
" Elijah Cozens
" Jeremiah Fisher
" George A. Baker
" Sam[l]. Jarvis
" George Kitts
" Thomas Cash
" Dennis McLaughlin
" John Anderson

Bros. Sam[l]. Cowperthwaite
" John Harrison
" John Hammill
" John Patton
" Joseph Pierce
" Rob[t]. McFee
" John Brock
" And[w] B. Bankson
" Nathan Jarvis
" Samuel Lees
" Rufus Green
" John Cloer
" Christian Sweitzer
" John Barry
" Michael Murphy
" Samuel Mitchell
" Napthali Campbell
" Joshua Mitchell
" Thomas Vantelburg
" Mark Cowperthwaite.

The Secretary was ordered to issue to the aforesaid Members Special Summons's to attend next Lodge Night.

January 25, 1796.—Stated Lodge. Present 30 members 15 Visitors. Petitions from Peter Maxton and Allen Pemberton the former an ancient and the latter a modern Mason, were read'' Jno Justice adv[d] to Fellow Craft. Jno Justice Wm Yard & Joseph Burden adv[d] to Master Mason.

The Grand Secretary presented an Account Ag[t]. this Lodge in favor of the Grand Lodge amounting to £ 72—1—4 for Dues &[c] up to Dec[r]. 27, 1795 which was read. Ordered—That an order be drawn on the

Treasurer Bro. Praise Wadman in favor of the Grand Lodge for Amount of said account.

February 8, 1796.—Stated Lodge. Present 30 members and 23 Visitors. Petitions withdrawn 2, 3 Approved, 3 Initiated and 1 Raised

February 22, 1796.—Stated Lodge. Present 29 members & 8 Visitors. Initiation 1 Admission 1, and 1 Proposition

March 14, 1796.—Stated Lodge. Present 35 members & 6 Visitors. 1 Approval or Admission, 3 Fellow Craft.

March 21, 1796.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 12 members & 10 Visitors. 4 Raised, John Barry, Jas. Crawford, Lewis Collins, A. B. Spinacuta.

March 28, 1796.—Stated Lodge. Present 23 members & 9 Visitors. 2 Approvals 1 Initiated.

The Petition of Bro. Peter Love which lay over from last Meeting was taken up and again read—and on Motion made & seconded. It was agreed That Ten Dollars be granted him from the fund of the Lodge, and that the Standing Committee wait upon with the same.

April 11, 1796.—Stated Lodge. Present 24 members & 12 Visitors. 1 Proposition

A Petition from Bartholomew Van Herr, a distressed Brother, praying Relief was read. Ordered—That it lie over for consideration. The four remaining Sections of the Bye-Laws which lay over from

last Stated Meeting were taken up read and agreed to—And the whole of the Bye-Laws with the Preamble having been afterwards read and the voice of the Members taken thereon they were unanimously agreed to and adopted as the Bye-Laws of this Lodge.

Ordered—That the Secretary transcribe the same into the Book of Bye-Laws and have them ready on next Stated Meeting for the Signature of the Members.

The following Resolutions were read & unanimously agreed to. Resolved—That each member of this Lodge who is in arrears, and does not come forward on or before the Second Stated Meeting hereafter, to wit., the 2nd Monday in May next, and pay up his dues or give satisfactory Reasons for so doing, shall be expelled from this Lodge and his name sent to the Grand Secretary in order to be transmitted to all the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Resolved—That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to send a Copy of the foregoing Resolution to each of the Brethren who is in arrears to this Lodge four days at least previous to each of our two next Stated Meetings.

April 18, 1796.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 30 members & 6 Visitors. Dispensation from R. W. G. M. Wm. Moore Smith to Enter Pass & Raise Samuel Fulton 1 Initiated, 3 Passed. A B Spinacuta granted a Certificate

April 19, 1796.—Adjourned Lodge 10 O'Clock A. M. Present 12 members 2 Raised

April 25, 1796.—Stated Lodge. Present 35 members & 16 Visitors. (1 Prop Jno Reilly Jr). 1 Passed & 1 Initiated. Lewis Collins grt[d] a G. L. Certificate

A Communication was made from the G[d] Secretary of the expulsion of Charles Keyser from Concordia Lodge No. 67. The said Communication was read for the information of the Members of this Lodge.

April 28, 1796.—Adjourned Lodge (10 a. m). Present 12 members & 2 Visitors. A Dispensation from R W. G. M. to Enter Pass & Raise Sherman Ruggles & apprv[d] Initiated & 3 Passed

Friday, April 29, 1796.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 14 members & 2 Visitors. 2 Raised.

May 9, 1796.—Stated Lodge. Present 36 members & 14 Visitors. 3 Raised.

A Communication was made by the Grand Secretary of the rejection of Hugh Morrison from Lodge No. 19, and of William McFadden from Lodge No. 9, the same was read for the information of this Lodge. Bro[s]. Joshua Buffington, Thomas Vantilburg and Atton Pemberton were severally raised in ancient form to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

The matter depending between Bros. John Kean & James McGuirk, which was to have been taken up this evening was postponed until next Stated Meeting.

May 16, 1796.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 28 members,

A motion was made, seconded and agreed to—That the following Members be excluded from this Lodge until such time as they shall come forward and pay up their dues, and that a Minute of the same be transferred to the G^d^. Secretary: William Guise, William Milnor, Asheton Humphreys, Jeremiah Fisher, John Harrison, Charles McManamy, George Kitts, Rich^d^. Hunt, Thomas Search & Nathan Jarvis. On motion made, seconded and agreed to. The consideration of the Accounts of the following members was postponed until a future Meeting:—John Rice, Samuel Jarvis, John Hammill, Henry Robinson, John Cope, Joseph Pierce, And^w^. B. Bankson, John Anderson, Dennis McLaughlin, Rufus Green, Napthali Campbell, John Brock, Levi Jordan, & Joshua Mitchell. On motion made and agreed to—The Sum of Fifteen Dollars was granted to the support of the wife of Brother Dennis McLaughlin, to be subject to the order of the Lodge the next Stated Meeting.

May 23, 1796.—Stated Lodge. Present 29 members & 10 Visitors. George Fox's Petition withdrawn Jno Reilly Jr. approved 1 Raised 1 Initiated

May 30, 1796.—Special Lodge. Present 22 members 1 Raised 1 Passed,

The Lodge having entered upon the private business of this Meeting. On motion made seconded & agreed to, The following Brethren were no longer considered Members of this Lodge, viz:—John Sals-

bury, Francis Hancong and Elijah Cozens. On motion made, seconded and agreed to Bro^s^. George Laney and John Hammill were excluded from this Lodge until such time as they shall come forward and pay up their Dues; and a Minute of their exclusion was ordered to be transmitted to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. On motion made, seconded and agreed to Ordered That Bro^s^. John Brock and Richard Hunt be served with a special Notice to attend next Stated Meeting and pay up their Dues, Or shew Reason why they should not be expelled.

June 13, 1796.—Stated Lodge. Present 44 members & 10 Visitors. John Brock Jno Reilly Jr Raised

A Letter from Bro^r^. Asheton Humphreys inclosing an account against Lodge No. 2, and requesting leave to withdraw from this Lodge and receive a Certificate on paying the balance of said account, was read and the sense of the Lodge having been taken thereon it was agreed to. The Committee appointed to enquire into the Character Bro^r^. Charles McManany, made an unfavorable Report—which having been considered by the Lodge and the said Brother heard in his own defence, the Sense of the Lodge was taken on the Report, and on motion made and seconded that he should be expelled it was unanimously agreed to. Ordered—That the Secretary transmit a Minute of the expulsion of the said Charles McManany to the

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to be communicated from thence to all the Lodges under its Jurisdiction. On motion made and seconded The expulsion of Bro^r. Richard Hunt from this Lodge was postponed, and Bro^rs. Praise Wadman, George A. Baker and Rudeman Robeson were appointed a Committee to call upon him and report next stated meeting. Bro^rs. John Patterson and Peter Maxton, having applied therefor, obtained Certificates from this Lodge as they were going abroad.

Election David Irving W M,—John Boyd S. W.—Samuel Lees J. W.—Praise Wadman, Treasurer,—Edward Robinson, Secretary.—Jno Baxter S. D.—Christian Sweitzer J. D. Bro Joseph Mansfield and John Cloer were appointed to serve as Stewards for the ensuing six months.

June 14, 1796.—Adjourned Lodge (10 a. m). Present 11 members 2 Raised 1 Crafted

June 20, 1796.—Extra Lodge. Present 14 members & 4 Visitors. Balance in Treas^r $295.26. Officers Installed.

June 27, 1796.—Stated Lodge. Present 25 members & 4 Visitors. 1 application, a second petition from Jas. McGuirk was withdrawn,

July 2, 1796.—Extra Lodge. Present 7 members 1 Entered 1 Crafted

July 11, 1796.—Stated Lodge. Present 29 members & Visitors 1 Raised, 1 Pet. withdrawn—1 Pet rec^d

"Resolved That every member and visitors of this Lodge shall on their first entrance into the room step forward to the Secretary's Table and pay the dues of the evening according to our By Laws." "Resolved That any member of this Lodge who shall enter the Room without being properly clothed shall be presented with an Apron by the Lodge, which Apron shall be charged to his account." "The Brethren having taken into consideration, what number of shares should be subscribed on the part of this Lodge to the Plan adopted for the erection of a New Lodge. A Motion was made seconded That sixty shares be subscribed and the sense of the Lodge having been taken thereon, it was agreed to unanimously. Ordered That the Treasurer subscribed for Sixty shares in the name of this Lodge; pay the first Instalment and take a receipt therefor."

July 25, 1796.—Stated Lodge. Present 26 members and 9 Visitors.

August 8, 1796.—Stated Lodge. Present 27 members and 7 Visitors. 1 Withdraws 1 Approved 4 Petition 2 Withdraw,

Wednesday, August 17, 1796.—Extra Lodge. Present 10 members I Entered & 1 Passed

Thursday, August 18, 1796.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 10 members 1, Raised,

August 22, 1796—Stated Lodge. Present 25 members & 3 Visitors. On Motion Bro McCarthy was appointed Inside Tyler,

A motion was made & seconded that Br. Kessler be authorized to furnish this Lodge against next Stated night with three dozen of Tumblers & three dozen of wine Glasses. On which motion the sense of the lodge was taken it was agreed to. That two dozen of Aprons be provided for the use of the members of this lodge, whereupon the Sense of the Lodge was taken and the motion agreed to.

September 12, 1796.—Stated Lodge Night. Present 30 members and 17 Visitors. 6 Approved 5 Entered,

September 14, 1796.—3. P. M. adjourned Lodge. Present 14 members 1 Approved 1 Entered, 3 Crafted.

September 16, 1796.—3 P. M. adjourned Lodge. Present 7 members 3 Raised

September 26, 1796.—Stated Lodge. Present 24 members & 7 Visitors. 2 Passed,

October 10, 1796.—Stated Lodge. Present 25 members & 8 Visitors. 2 Petitions 1 Crafted 2 Raised 1 Withdrew.

October 24, 1796.—Stated Lodge. Present 29 members & 6 Visitors. 2 Petitions 1 Withdrew—1 Crafted—1 Raised.

November 14, 1796.—Stated Lodge. Present 26 members & 7 Visitors. 1 Petition Withdrawn—2 Approved—1 Entered and 1 Expelled.

The Committee to whom was referred the investigation of the Charge of Br. George A. Baker against Br Joshua Mitchell gave in a report accompanied by

a Statement of the Charge both of which were read, and after Some time spent thereon, on motion made, seconded & agreed to—Resolved—That in consequence of the wicked and unfounded reports spread abroad by Br. Mitchell against Br. G. A. Baker & his Family to the injury of their Character, he the Said Joshua Mitchell be and he is hereby Expelled from the benefit of Masonry in Lodge No. 2—and that a minute of his expulsion therefrom be transmitted to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and in order to be forwarded to the several Lodges under its Jurisdiction.

November 28, 1796.—Stated Lodge. Present 25 members & 10 Visitors. 3 Petition 2 Re-admitted.

December 12, 1796.—Stated Lodge. Present 27 members & 5 Visitors. 3 approved 2 Entered and 1 Crafted.

December 19, 1796.—Extra Lodge. Present 25 members 1 Raised "The Lodge having agreed upon dining together on next St John's Day, Bros D Irwin, Jno. Boyd, Samuel Lees, John Kessler and Joseph Mansfield were appointed a Committee to provide a place and do the needful in that business."

December 26, 1796.—Stated Lodge. Present 31 members & 14 Visitors. 3 Approved 3 Entered. Election David Irwin W. M.—S Lees S. W.—Jno Kessler, J. W.—Praise Wadman, Treasr.—Edwd Robinson, Secty.—Jno Baxter S. D.—Jno Brown,

WASHINGTON.

FROM ORIGINAL PAINTING BELONGING TO NORRIS STANLEY, A MEMBER OF LODGE No. 2, WHO WAS PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH WASHINGTON. PAINTED BY W. CLARKE, PHILADELPHIA, 1796, NOW OWNED BY NORRIS STANLEY BARRATT.

SEE PAGE 330, WASHINGTON SESQUI-CENTENNIAL GRAND LODGE PENNSYLVANIA.

J. D.—Joseph Mansfield & Jos Gatty appt[d] Stewards. Felix McCarthy, Inside and John Wheelan, Outside Tylers, Officers elect were then installed.

At the Grand Quarterly Communication held December 5, 1796, the following resolution was adopted:

On motion and seconded, that a Committee be appointed to frame an address to be presented on the ensuing Feast of St. John, Dec. 27th, to the Great Master Workman, our Ill[s] Bro. Washington, on the occasion of his intended retirement from public labor, to be also laid before the said Grand Lodge on St. John's day, and the R. W. Grand Master, Deputy G. M., Bros. Sadler, Milnor, and Williams were accordingly appointed.

In pursuance of above resolution at the Grand Lodge held on St. John's Day, December 27, 1796:

The Committee appointed to prepare an address to our Bro. Geo. Washington, President of the United States, presented an address by them drawn up, which was ordered to be read, and in the words following, to wit:

To Geo. Washington, President of the United States,
The Address of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

Most Respected Sir and Brother: "Having announced your intention to retire from Public *Labor* to that *Refreshment* to which your pre-eminent services for near half a century have so justly entitled you; Permit the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at this last Feast of our Evangelic Master St. John, on which we can hope for an immediate Communication with you, to join the grateful voice of our Country in acknowl-

edging that you have carried forth the principles of the Lodge into every walk of your life by your constant labors for the prosperity of that Country, by your unremitting endeavors to promote Order, Union and Brotherly Affection amongst us, and lastly by the vows of your farewell address to your brethren and fellow Citizens: an address which we trust our children and our children's children will ever look upon as a most invaluable legacy from a *Friend,* a *Benefactor* and a *Father.*

"To these our grateful acknowledgments (leaving to the impartial pen of History to record the important events in which you have borne so illustrious a part) permit us to add our most fervent prayers, that after enjoying to the utmost span of Human Life every felicity which the Terrestrial Lodge can afford, you may be received by the Great Master Builder of this World and of Worlds unnumbered into the ample felicity of that *Celestial Lodge,* in which alone distinguished virtues and distinguished labors can be eternally rewarded."

It was then moved and seconded that the same be adopted. Upon the question being taken it appeared that it was approved. On motion made and seconded, it was agreed that a Committee be appointed to wait on Bro. Washington to acquaint him that it is the intention of this Gr^d^ Lodge to present an address to him, and to know what time he shall be pleased to appoint to receive it.

The Committee appointed to perfom this duty were Bros. William Smith, Peter Le Barbier Du Plessis, and Thomas Proctor, who, after having waited on him, reported that he had appointed to-morrow 12 o'clock to receive it. Said Committee, to wit: Bros. W. Smith, Du Plessis, and Proctor, together with the R. W. D. G. M., Senior and Junior Wardens,

Grand Secretary, and the Masters of the different Lodges in the city, were then appointed a deputation to present the said address.

At the adjourned Lodge, held on January 2, 1797, the following report was made, viz.:

The Deputation appointed on St. John's Day to present the address on that day agreed to, to our Bro. Geo. Washington, reported that they had waited on him and presented him the said address, and that he had returned them an answer, which is in the words following:

Fellow-Citizens and Brothers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania: "I have received your address with all the feelings of Brotherly affection mingled with those sentiments for the Society which it was calculated to excite. To have been, in any degree, an instrument in the hands of Providence to promote Order and Union, and erect upon a solid foundation the true principles of Government, is only to have shared with many others in a labor, the result of which, let us hope, will prove through all ages a sanctuary for Brothers, and a Lodge for the virtues.

"Permit me to reciprocate your prayers for my temporal happiness, and to supplicate that we may all meet thereafter in that Eternal Temple whose builder is the Great Architect of the Universe."

The original address, read to President Washington, as well as his reply, is in the Museum of the Grand Lodge Library in Philadelphia.

January 9, 1797.—Stated Lodge. Present 34 mem-

bers & 4 Visitors. Amount in Treasurers hands $371.48 3 Applications 2 Crafted 1 Withdrawn

January 23, 1797.—Stated Lodge. Present 27 members & 8 Visitors. 4 Crafted 2 applications

The Committee to whom was referred the Letter of Br R. C. Murray respecting a misunderstanding between him and Br M. Murphy of this Lodge reported as follows—That an interview had taken place between the parties, and the matter in dispute was settled to their Satisfaction—The W. M. from the Standing Committee who were authorized to call upon Br. John Mathews and Ann McGuire the Widow of a deceased Brother who petitioned this Lodge for relief. Reported That the Committee waited upon Br John Mathews & paid him the fifteen Dollars which were granted him on the last meeting and that his situation was such as demanded relief—and That they waited upon Ann McGuire also but are of opinion that she is not at present entitled to any support from the funds of this Lodge.

February 6, 1797.—Special Lodge. Present 7 members, 6 Suspended

February 13, 1797.—Stated Lodge. Present 33 members and 25 Visitors. 2 Approvals 1 Rejection 1 Entered 2 Withdrawn.

February 27, 1797.—Stated Lodge. Present 34 members & 7 Visitors.

Br John Patton having communicated his intended

departure from this Country for some time requested of the Lodge that he should be considered by them as an Honorary Member on which the sense of the lodge being taken it was agreed to.

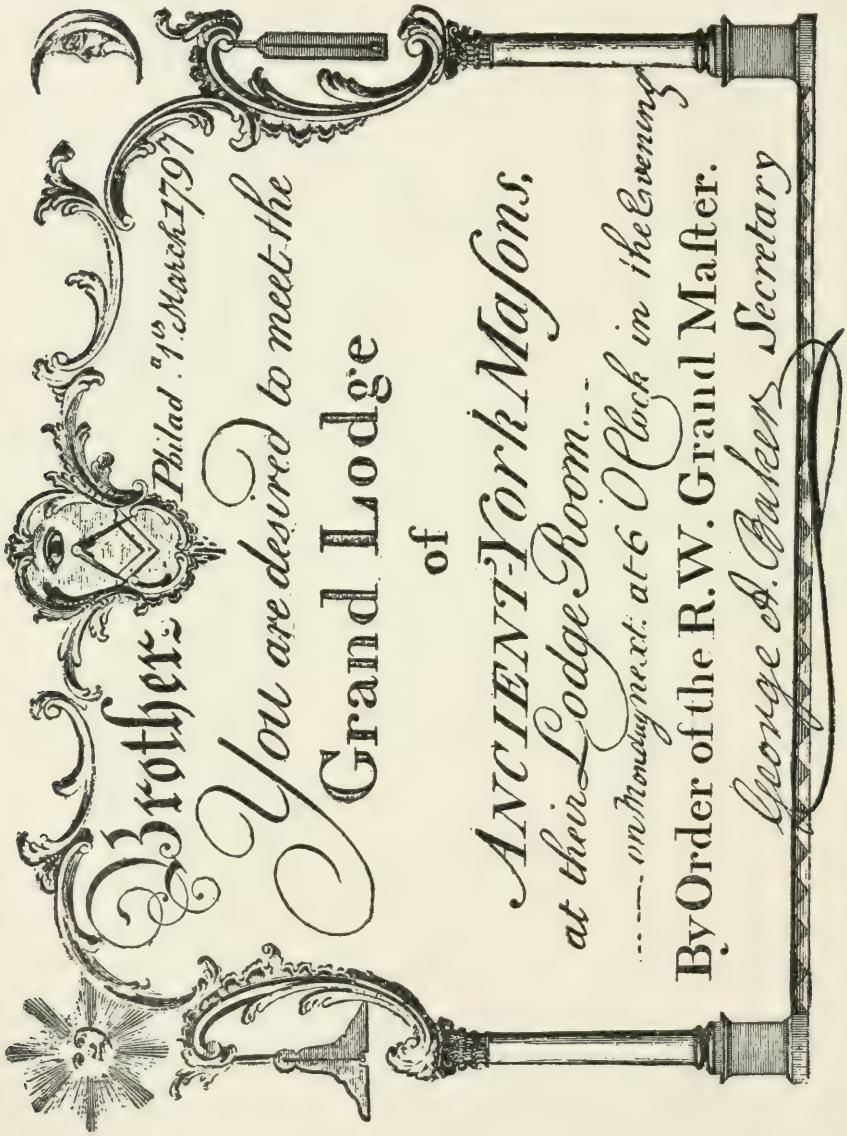
1 Approved, 1 Entered, 2 Raised, 1 Pet withdrew and 1 Withdrawn (Int^{n} Fee $20.)

March 13, 1797—Stated Lodge. Present 27 members and 11 Visitors. 1 Crafted 3 Raised 1 Withdrawn "Resolved That any member or members of this Lodge who shall be accused and proof made of his or their having knowingly visited any irregular Lodge or Lodges within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge or elsewhere shall be expelled from this Lodge and his or their names and expulsion sent to the Grand Secretary in order to be forwarded to the different Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

March 27, 1797.—Stated Lodge. Present 24 members and 11 Visitors. 1 Application 2 Raised.

April 10, 1797.—Stated Lodge. Present 27 members & 5 Visitors. 1 Application 1 Crafted "A motion was made seconded and agreed to That the Lodge rest satisfied with the declaration of Bro Praise Wadman reimbursing the monies which he held as Treasurer of this Lodge and which were lost."

April 24, 1797.—Stated Lodge. Present 26 members & 9 Visitors. 1 Approval 1 Rejoined 1 Entered



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The remainder of the by-laws which lay over from the last meeting having been taken up, and read by Sections, they were agreed to Br. John Hepler was authorized to furnish the lodge with one dozen of Book of Constitution, and one dozen of Aprons.

May 8, 1797.—Stated Lodge. Present 29 members and 4 Visitors. 2 Applications 2 Crafted

On motion made & seconded—Resolved—That the code of bye-laws adopted this evening shall not come into operation until the first stated meeting after St. John's Day.

May 22, 1797.—Stated Lodge. Present 30 members & 16 Visitors. 1 Approval 1 Entered

A Letter with sundry papers & Documents were received from the Secretary of the Grand Lodge, was read for the information of the Members.

May 30, 1797.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 16 members, 2 Raised

June 12, 1797.—Stated Lodge. Present 30 members & 8 Visitors. 1 Approval 1 Pet by Dispn approved 1 Application 1 Entered. Election David Irwin W. M.—John Kessler, S. W.—John Phillips, J. W.—John Cope Treasr.—Edward Robinson, Secty —Jas Crawford, S. D.—Caspar Graeff, J. D.—John Wheeler & Felix McCarthy were appointed Outside & Inside Tyler. Joseph Mansfield and Joseph Gatty, Stewards—1 Rejected

A Letter from Br. Chr Hubbard was read stating

that the affair which deprived him from attending this Lodge, was not as yet settled and on that account could not with Satisfaction attend. Whereupon it was ordered—That Br. C. Hubbard should be informed that it was the desire of the Lodge that his account with them should rest as it is at present until such time as the Matter would be cleared up.

June 13, 1797.—Adjourned Lodge (7 a m). Present 10 members & 2 Visitors.—Officers Installed. Lodge closed at 8 O'clock.

Saturday, June 17, 1797.—Extra Lodge (4 P M). Present 6 members & 2 Visitors 1 Crafted.

Monday, July 3, 1797.—Extra Lodge (7 a. m.). Present 5 members 1 Raised. Lodge Closed at 8 Oclock.

July 10, 1797.—Stated Lodge. Present 30 members and 6 Visitors. 1 Crafted.

The Standing Committee reported that they had examined & compared the accounts and vouchers of Br. Praise Wadman late Treasurer & those of Br. John Hepler Treasurer pro-tem. and that there stands to the debit of the former a balance of 365.65 Dollars and the debit of the latter 70 Dollars Exclusive of one Hundred Dollars which were subunted & paid towards building a New Grand lodge—Ordered—That Br John Hepler pay over to the present Treasurer Br John Cope the 70 Dollars aforesaid and that Br Praise Wadman delivered to him also the receipt for the

payment of the one hundred Dollars as before mentioned.

Thursday, July 13, 1797.—Adjourned Lodge. 3 p. m. Present 11 members and 2 Visitors. 1 Approved 1 Entered 1 Raised

A Bill for Printing 188 Copies of the by-laws of this Lodge was presented & read—Ordered—That the amount thereof being 8.50 Doll be paid.

August 14, 1797.—Stated Lodge. Present 27 members and 10 Visitors. 1 Crafted

A Letter from the Grand Committee of Charity addressed to the different Lodges in the City of Philadelphia was read, which stated that they (the Committee of Charity) had paid the sum of forty Dollars for the Passage of Br. Randal McDonald from Ireland to Philadelphia and now pray the different lodges to subscribe such sums as they may think proper until such time as the said B^r^ Randal McDonald shall have repaid them when the subscribing Lodges shall be reimbursed the sum subscribed by them respectively. On motion—Ordered—that this lodge grant them the sum of five Dollars for the purpose mentioned in the foregoing Letter.

August 28, 1797.—Extra Lodge. 2 p m Present 10 members and 7 Visitors. 1 Entered 1 Crafted Lodge adjourned until 4 O'Clock

August 28, 1797.—Adjourned Lodge. 4 p. m. Present 10 members and 6 Visitors. 1 Raised (Fee $25.)

September 1, 1797.—Extra Lodge. 2 p. m. Present 9 members & 6 Visitors. 1 Approved 1 Entered 1 Crafted 1 Raised

September 11, 1797.—Stated Lodge. Present 6 members & 7 Visitors. 1 Application 1 Raised

There will be no stated meeting on account of the prevailing epidemic (Yellow fever) Lodge closed at 8 O'Clock

October 20, 1797.—Extra Lodge. Present 5 members and 8 Visitors. 1 approved 1 Entered 1 Crafted

A Dispensation from the Rt. W. G. Master Wm. Moore Smith to enter, pass & raise George Lamb, Mariner, was read & approved of By the Lodge.

October 23, 1797.—Extra Lodge. Present 15 members and 10 Visitors. 2 Raised

November 13, 1797.—Stated Lodge. Present 23 members and 24 Visitors. 1 Approved 1 Entered

The W. M. from the Committee who were appointed in August last on the Petition of Br Wm. Dickson praying assistance—Reported—That the said Br was found deserving and that the sum which was granted him, had been paid & a receipt received thereof. The Resolutions which were transmitted from Lodge No. 52 in August last respecting the admission of Master of Lodges & Committees either from the Grand Lodge or individual Lodges without the payment of dues were taken up and read, and ordered

to lie over until next Stated meeting. The Committee who were appointed on the Matter in dispute between B^{r} Ale^{x}. Phillips of Lodge No 9 & B^{r} Ab^{m}. Murrow of this Lodge were continued on that business until the next Stated night. A Petition from Sarah Jordan the widow of a deceased member of this lodge praying relief was read—and on motion made and agreed to, the sum of ten Dollars was granted for her relief from the funds of this Lodge to be paid her by the hands of B^{r}. Saml Lees. The W. M. informed the Lodge that he had given an order on the Treasurer for five Dollars, to release a B^{r}. who had been imprisoned for Debt, and submitted it to the Lodge, whether or not the Treasurer might be credited therewith. Whereupon the Lodge agreed that the Treasurer should credit himself with the said sum. The W. M. also submitted to the Lodge the propriety of reimbursing him the sum of 16s 2d which he advanced for the attendance of a Physician on B^{r} John Mathews. Ordered that the said sum be reimbursed.

December 11, 1797.—Stated Lodge. Present 33 members and 12 Visitors. 3 Applications, Election, David Irwin W. M.—John Kessler, S. W.—John Phillips J. W.—John Cope Treas^{r}—Edward Robinson, Secty,—James Crawford, S. D.—Casper Graaf J. D. —Felix McCarthy inside and John Wheelan, outside Tyler,—Joseph Gatty and Joseph Mansfield, Stewards.

A Communication from the Grand Committee of

Charity recommending Brother Wm. Healey & his family to the consideration of this Lodge for relief was presented & read—Ordered that the Standing Committee of this Lodge enquire into the nature of Situation and report thereon. A Petition from Br. Jacob Auld in behalf of the orphan Children of our Deceased late Brother Laurence Justice praying relief for them was presented and read—Ordered—that the said Petition be referred to the aforesaid Committee, and that twenty Dollars be placed in their hands to be distributed as necessity require. A Petition from Mary Lawless the widow of Deceased Brother praying relief was read. Ordered—that it be referred to the above Committee and that ten Dollars be placed in their hands to be disposed of as they may think proper for her relief. A petition from Wm. Euston in the Debtor apartment, praying relief was read—Ordered—that the said Petition be rejected. The Resolutions of Lodge No. 52 which lay over from our last meeting were taken up & Read. On motion, Ordered—that this Lodge concur with Lodge No. 52 in the adoption of those resolutions, provided that the several Lodges in this City concur also. The following resolutions were presented and read—Resolved—that the word fifty in the 1st. Section of our by-laws be struck out and the word twenty-five be inserted in lieu thereof. Resolved—that the 12th Section of our by-laws be struck out and the following inserted in

its stead—No Refreshments shall be provided at any Meeting whatever out of the funds of the Lodge: Ordered—that it lie over for Consideration. A Bill of one Dollar & fifty cents for repairing and putting Locks on the Pedistal was presented by Br. John Cloer, and read—Ordered—that the amount thereof be placed to his credit in account with the lodge.

December 12, 1797.—Adjourned Lodge. 8 a m. Present 8 members & 2 Visitors. 1 Crafted & Officers installed. Lodge closed at 9 O'Clock

January 8, 1798.—Stated Lodge. Present 20 members & 12 Visitors. 3 Approved 3 Entered 1 Raised

The Standing Committee to whom were referred the petition of Br Jacob Auld in behalf of the orphan Children of our late Brother Laurence Justice Dec'd —the petition of Mary Lawless widow of a deceased brother and a recommendation from the Grand Committee of Charity in favor of Br. Wm. Healey and family reported as follows—to wit—that they have granted for the use of the orphan Children of Br Justice Twenty Dollars for use of the widow Mary Lawless ten Dollars. and recommend that the sum of ten Dollars be granted toward the relief of Br Wm. Healey and his family—Ordered—That the said report be approved of and that ten Dollars recommended for the use of Br Healey & family be accordingly granted. The Committee of Grievances to whom was referred the Complaint lodged by Br Alex. Phillips

of Lodge No. 9 against B^r^. Abr^m^. Murrow of this Lodge reported that the matter in dispute between the two brethren was settled agreeably to an article signed by the parties & which accompanied the report. A Petition from Thos. McCabe Junr. a distressed B^r^ praying relief was read—Ordered—that the Standing Committee enquire into the nature of his Situation & that the sum of ten Dollars be placed in their hands to be disposed of for his use as he may be found worthy. The following Resolution was moved and seconded to become one of the Sections of our by-laws—to wit—Resolved—that no Brother be passed or Raised before he be proved to be perfect in the Degree or Degrees of which he may then be in the Lodge Excepting however who may be entered by Dispensation—Ordered—that the said Resolution lie over for consideration of the Lodge.

February 12, 1798.—Stated Lodge. Present 29 members & 12 Visitors. 3 Crafted. "Resolved That all monies actually received into the Treasury of this Lodge shall be appropriated in manner following to wit, one fifth thereof to remain as a fund to obtain a permanent or other place of holding this Lodge when necessary, one fifth to relieve distressed brethern, and the other three fifths to defray the expenses of refreshments and other expenses of the Lodge."

A printed Communication was received from the Secr^y^. of the G. L. transmitting a list of the Grand

officers Elect, a list of warrants for holding Lodges issued, and a list of Expulsions and Rejections lately made to the Grand Lodge, which Communication was read for the information of this Lodge.

February 15, 1798.—Adjourned Lodge. 3 p. m. Present 10 members & 3 Visitors 1 Raised.

February 26, 1798.—Adjourned Lodge. 6 p. m. Present 14 members, A Communication from the Grand Committee of Charity was received and read respecting the utility of a subscription to the Dispensatory and recommending the sum of 5 Guineas to be subscribed by this Lodge in order to secure the benefit of that Institution for any Member or other Brother who may stand in need thereof whereupon the Lodge having taken the same into consideration came to the following Resolution, Resolved That the sum of Ten Guineas instead of Five Guineas be subscribed by this Lodge to purchase the right of sending two patients to the Dispensary and that the same be paid to the Grand Treasurer to be applied as laid down in the foregoing application."

A Petition from Heckly Faulkner the widow of a Deceased Brother praying relief was read—whereupon Resolved that the Standing Committee be invested with the Power of Granting her ten Dollars if they may see her Situation require it.

2 Expelled for non pay^t^ dues.

March 12, 1798.—Stated Lodge. Present 23 mem-

bers and 17 Visitors. 4 Expelled for non pay^{t} dues.

March 22, 1798.—Extra Lodge 2 O'Clock P. M. Present 6 members 1 approved, 1 Entered 1 Crafted.

A Dispensation from the R. W. G. Master J. Bayard Smith to enter pass and raise Joshua Bradford Mariner to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason —having been read and approved of by the lodge— Joshua Bradford was Initiated into the first Step of Masonry—The Entered Apprentice Lodge was closed and the Fellow Crafts opened. B^{r}. Joshua Bradford was passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft.

Friday, March 23, 1798.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 6 members 1 Raised 1 withdrawn on Certificate.

April 9, 1798.—Stated Lodge. Present 20 members & 11 Visitors. 1 Application 1 Raised

The Committee to whom was referred the Duty to wait on B^{r}. Fisher and ascertain his reason for not Dischargeing his account—Reported, that the indisposition of B^{r}. Jerimia Fisher has of late prevented him from attending, but that as soon as a return of health would permit he would come forward and give satisfaction to the Lodge. On motion Resolved that the further Consideration of the Said report be postponed for the space of two months.

May 14, 1798.—Stated Lodge. Present 23 members & 7 Visitors. 1 Approved 2 Entered 1 Crafted

A Petition from Jno Hoy an Infirm and Distressed Brother praying relief was read and on motion—The Sum of ten Dollars were granted him.

Thursday, May 17, 1798.—3 p. m. adjourned Lodge Present 8 members & 1 Visitor. 1 Raised

June 11, 1798.—Stated Lodge. Present 25 members & 7 Visitors. Election David Irving W. M.—Robert Pullen, S. W.—Jno Boyd, J. W.—Edward Robinson, Secty.—John Cope, Treas^{r}.—James Crawford, S. D.—Casper Graaf, J. D.—John Wheelan, Outside and Felix McCarthy Inside Tyler, Bros Joseph Mansfield and Joseph Gatty, Stewards. 4 withdrawals

A Petition from John Pinchion a distressed Brother praying relief was read, and on Motion Resolved That B^{r}. D. Irvin, Jno Hepler & Jno Phillips be appointed a Committee to enquire into the Character and merits of his Situation & be empowered to grant him Six Dollars if found worthy of relief. A Petition from Samuel Gartley a Distressed brother praying relief was read & on Motion Resolved, That B^{r}. David Irving, John Hepler & John Phillips be the Committee to enquire into his Situation and Grant him such relief not exceeding Six Dollars as he might be found deserving of. B^{r}. Praise Wadman applied for leave to withdraw from the Lodge and receive a Certificate—the same was Granted him.

Thursday, June 14, 1798.—3 OClock P M adjourned Lodge. Present 8 members Officers Installed.

July 9, 1798.—Stated Lodge. Present 14 members & 2 Visitors. Bal in Treas^{r} hands $190.19 1 Crafted

The W. Master from the Committee who were appointed to enquire into the Situation of John Pinchion & Samuel Gartley Distressed Brethren Reported—that the Committee had found B^r John Pinchion deserving of the gratuity granted him which was accordingly paid him for his relief. And that on enquiry they found B^r. Saml. Gartley not worthy of relief, which was not therefore allowed him. A letter from B^r. Jacob Auld addressed to the lodge, stating in the manner in which he had distributed the monies Granted him for the relief of the Orphan Children of our Late Brother Laurence Justice was read for the information of the Lodge. A Letter of Complaint was lodged by B^r. Michal Kene against John Boyd a Member of this lodge—and—on Motion—Resolved That the same be referred to the Committee of Greveances. The W. Master having called the attention of the Lodge to the distressed Situation of B^r. John Barry and his family. On Motion Resolved that the Standing Committee be and they are hereby authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for the sum of fifteen Dollars for the relief of the said Brother and his family.

August 13, 1798.—Stated Lodge. Present 8 members Opened in due form but too few members attended on account of the prevailing epidemic (yellow Fever) it was thought proper to adjourn (which was agreed to) until it ceased. Lodge closed at 9 O'Clock

November 12, 1798.—Stated Lodge. Present 14 members and 6 Visitors. 1 Raised A Motion made by Bro Boyd and seconded by Bro Harman that the dues for the two last stated nights be allowed by the Lodge on account of the prevailing fever which was agreed to.

December 10, 1798.—Stated Lodge. Present 15 members & 10 Visitors including R. W. G. M. Bayard Smith 2 withdrew on Certificate Election, David Irwin W. M.—Robert Pullen S. W.—Darby McDonach J. W.—John Phillips, Secty—John Cope, Treas^{r}—"The W M presented to the Lodge a print of Solomon's Temple as a Present from Bro John Patton which was received by the Lodge and the W M & Bro Jno Cope agreed to have it framed."[5]

On Motion made & seconded It was agreed that fifteen Dollars be granted to each of the widows of our late members; B^{r}. Edward Robinson & John Wheelan, and that the Standing Committee do draw on the Treasurer for same.

Wednesday, December 26, 1798.—Adjourned Lodge Present 9 members & 1 Visitor. Officers installed.

January 14, 1799.—Stated Lodge. Present 19 members & 8 Visitors including R. W. G. M Bayard Smith "The W. M. nominated James Crawford as S. Deacon. The S. Warden nominated Casper Graaf as Junior Deacon, which the Lodge agreed to."

[5] This painting is now in the Museum of the Grand Lodge Library.

"Bros John Able and Joseph Russel were nominated for Stewards for the ensuing Six Months which the Lodge agreed to." "The Lodge adjourned till the 4th Monday in the Month."

A Petition from Mary Gatty widow of Joseph Gatty late member of this lodge was presented and read, and ten Dollars was granted for her relief. The W. Master informed the lodge that he had drawn on the Treasurer for Eight Dollars during the sickness for the widow of Br. Wheelen—having slipt his memory when the lodge granted her fifteen, he therefore retained that Eight Dollars and now submits it to you the Lodge whether it shall be allowed or not. The Lodge determined that it should be given with two Dollars Extra to the widow of Br. Gatty.

Monday, January 28, 1799.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 10 members & 1 Visitor. 1 Application Bal $83.46 "Bro John Phillips petitioned the Lodge to grant him leave to pass the Chair in order to enable him to work on to the Arch, leave was granted him accordingly by the Lodge"

February 11, 1799.—Stated Lodge. Present 23 members & 12 Visitors including R. W. G. M. B. Smith —D. G. M. Israel Israel,—D. G. J. W Bro Patton & G. Secty G. A. Baker. 2 approvals, 2 Entered. Grand Visitation. The Grd Sect'y appointed to examine the Books of this Lodge Reported to the R. W. G. M, that they were kept in a regular and satisfactory

manner and that they contained nothing contradictory to the true spirit of Masonry. The R. W. D. G. M. in behalf of the R. W. G. M. Returned his sincere thanks to Lodge No 2 for their steady perseverance in their labour, and reasserted his satisfaction of their proceedings and hoped that they would continue to work on in the same trait without any deviation."

February 25, 1799.—Lecture Lodge. Present 17 members & 4 Visitors. 1 Raised "A Dispensation from the R. W. G. M. to pass John Phillips to the Chair was read and the sense of the Lodge being taken it was agreed to, Bro Phillips was passed agreeable to the above dispensation"

Resolved That no person or persons will be intitled to receive any benefit arising from the funds of this Lodge, if they are resident living within three miles of this City; unless they belong to some regular Lodge.

March 11, 1799.—Stated Lodge. Present 17 members & 3 Visitors. 2 Applications 2 Crafted

April 8, 1799.—Stated Lodge. Present 17 members & 6 Visitors. 2 Approved 2 Entered

April 22, 1799.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 7 members 1 Application 1 Crafted 2 Raised

May 13, 1799.—Stated Lodge. Present 15 members & 8 Visitors including R. W. G. M.

Visitors:—R. W. G. Master, B^r^ Keyser No. 72, B^r^. Young No. 13, B^r^ Tripele, Richard Burman No. 4, N. Y., Andrew Vanderslice No. 72, Isaac Todd No. 1 St Jn°. Rhode Island, Jn°. Wright No. 28 Liverpool.

11 Exp^{d} for non pyt of dues Bro Thos Marshall Petitioned the Lodge to recommend him to the Grand Lodge for a dispensation to pass the Chair in order to be further advanced in Masonry which the Lodge agreed to.

May 28, 1799.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 10 members & 10 Visitors. 2 Application 1 Crafted 1 Withdrawn

On Motion made & seconded it was agreed by the Lodge that ten Dollars be given to the widow of B^{r} Robinson a deceased member of this Lodge. Resolved that one of the Brethren who are appointed as Guardians to instruct a new initiated Brother; shall, if either of them be present be the examiner before the Lodge.

Bro Elijah Bartliss was examined before the Lodge by the W M and found worthy to be passed.

June 10, 1799.—Stated Lodge. Present 24 members & 6 Visitors. Election, Jno Kessler W. M.—Joseph Burden S. W.—Casper Graaf J. W.—John Cope Treas^{r}—John Phillips Secty—Thos Marshall, S. D.—Charles Hassels, J. D.—Adam Duey and John Ostheine Stewards, 1 Withdraws.

Friday, June 14, 1799.—Adjourned Lodge. 2 p m. Present 8 members 1 Raised Officers Installed. Bro Thomas Marshall Passed to Chair.

Monday, June 24, 1799.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 6 members, "The Lodge proceeded to Lecture" and received the benefit of a first, second and third Lecture from the W M. John Kessler.

July 8, 1799.—Stated Lodge. Present 17 members & 5 Visitors. 1 Approved 1 Raised

"A letter from the G. S. inclosing a plan submitted to the Grand Lodge for raising by subscription $6000. —for building or procuring a permanent place for the Grand Lodge and others, and requiring the state of the funds of this Lodge and what the Lodge would be willing to subscribe," ordered to lie over for consideration "The Secretary was ordered to transmit to the Grand Secretary the state of the funds of this Lodge." "A Motion was made and seconded that there be no more refreshments procured for the remainder of this six months which was agreed to." Steward and Tyler's Bill $10.87

Monday, July 22, 1799.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 9 members and 1 Visitor viz Bro Schneider of No 72 Tyler Bill $1.67

The committee to whom was reffered the petition of the widow Jourdan—Resolved, that they have made the strictest enquiry and find that she is not in want at present, and therefore we have with held the donation granted her by the lodge untill another time. A motion was made for to adjourn the lodge for the space of two Months; after some discussion it was order to lie over for further consideration till the next Stated night.

August 12, 1799.—Present 12 members & 6 Visitors. 1 Application

"On Motion made and seconded a Committee was appointed to confer with the Committee of different Lodges on a suitable place for meeting after we leave this and a report to be made on the next stated night Committee, W M Jno Kessler, Jno Phillips Jno Cope Joseph Burden and Henry Wistar.

"A Motion was made and seconded That the Resolve passed at the last stated Meeting be reconsidered, viz That no refreshments be had for the ensuing six months, on the reconsideration of the same it was carried that the refreshments be continued as usual."

"Resolved that one third of the Initiation fees be placed in the hands of the Grand Treasurer half yearly for the Express purpose of Establishing a fund for the building of a Grand Lodge. Ordered to lie over for Consideration."

"A motion was made and seconded That the Tyler be allowed One Dollar and a half for each Tyling from this date." Stewards & Tylers Bill $5.35

Note.—No Lodge held in September owing to the Yellow Fever.

October 14, 1799.—Stated Lodge. Present 6 members & 3 Visitors. "There not being a sufficient number of members present no business was transacted."

October 28, 1799.—Stated Lodge. Present 18 members & 8 Visitors. 1 Application.

On motion made and Seconded it was agreed to exonerate the Members for two nights dues, on account of the prevailing Epidemic.

November 11, 1799.—Stated Lodge.

The Secretary was ordered to provide 12 Books of the Constitution for the use of the Lodge.

December 9, 1799.—Stated Lodge. Present 21 Members & 13 Visitors. Election Jno Phillips W. M. —Jos Burden, S. W.—Robert Pullen, J. W.—Jno Cope, Treas—Thos Marshall Sect'y,—Chas Hassels S. D,—C. Nield—J. D.—Buddy & Crishire Stewards 2 withdrawals.

For some reason the Society of Free Quakers refused to renew the lease of their meeting house at the southwest corner of Fifth and Arch Streets to the Masonic Fraternity. At the Quarterly Communication held June 3, 1799:

Bro Milnor, of the committee appointed to inquire what place may be obtained for the future meetings of this Grand Lodge after their present lease expires, reported that the room wherein this G. L. now meet cannot be had after the expiration of the said lease. Whereupon, on motion made and seconded, agreed that the Grand Secretary write to all the Lodges under this jurisdiction requesting them to communicate as expeditiously as possible what sums of money they will respectively contribute towards the purchase or erecting a building for the accommodation of this Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges in this City.

Owing to a re-occurrence of an epidemic of yellow

fever during the summer it was not until November 13 1799 that a report of this Committee was made at an Extra Communication called for this purpose.

The R. W. Grand Master presented a copy of a petition from the R. W. Grand Officers and the Committee appointed to procure a place for the future meetings of this R. W. Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges in this city, to his Excellency, Thomas Mifflin, Esq., Governor of this Commonwealth, praying that his Excellency would be pleased to grant permission for holding our future meetings in some of the rooms of the State House, which was read, and is in the words following:

To His Excellency, Thomas Mifflin, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: The petition of the subscribers, present officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, respectfully sheweth that the Grand Lodge has for several years past occupied a room illy adapted for the purposes of their meetings, which they had taken in expectation only that by this time they would have been able to procure for themselves permanent accommodations, but owing to their extraordinary charitable exertions, which have been rendered peculiarly burdensome by the frequent visitations which have afflicted the city, they have found themselves unable to effect so desirable an object. That their lease is expired, and the room wanted by the proprietors for other uses. Your petitioners understanding that the rooms in the State House are at present unoccupied and are likely to remain so for a considerable time, are induced to request the Gr^{d}. Lodge may be indulged with the use of the Senate Chamber or such other

apartments on the same floor as your Excellency may see fit; and the Grand Lodge will hold themselves pledged, and do engage, at any time whenever they shall be so required, to evacuate and redeliver the premises unimpaired in the same order in which they shall receive them.

(Signed), J. B. Smith, G. M.
Israel Israel, D. G. M.
James Milnor, S. G. W.
Charles Patton, J. G. W.
John Smith,
Chairman of Committee for procuring Rooms, etc.

Nov. 4, 1799.

The R. W. G. M. then informed this Grand Lodge that said petition had been presented to His Excellency the Governor, who had been pleased to grant the Secretaries' Chamber in the State House for that purpose until called for. On motion made and seconded, this Grand Lodge concur in the application so made to His Excellency the Governor, and return their warmest thanks to His Excellency for the grant he has been pleased to make them, and direct that Bro. Grand Secretary respectfully communicate the same to His Excellency the Governor.

On motion made and seconded, the D. G. M. Israel Israel and Bro. John Smith, Jr., Coyle, Griffiths, and Andrew Nilson, were appointed a committee to prepare the rooms in the State House for the accommodation of this Grand Lodge, and to remove all the furniture now in this room there when ready, and to have

such repairs done to the old and procure such new furniture as shall appear to be necessary.

On motion made and seconded, the said committee were authorized to leave this room in the order we receive the same, or in such state as they shall agree on with the owners of this building.

December 23, 1799.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 12 members & 7 Visitors including R. W. G. M. J. B. Smith Officers Installed. 1 Withdrawn 1 Entered. "A recommendation from the R. W. G. M., that the Officers of the subordinate Lodges and Members of the Grand Lodge do appear in proper mourning at the Grand Communication on St John's Day, that the Jewels and Emblems on the Aprons be covered with black in Memory of our Illustrious Brother Geo Washington."

The close of the eighteenth century was an apprehensive one for the City of Philadelphia, as it ceased at the same time to be the capital of both the United States and the State of Pennsylvania. One of the chief arguments made was that of late "a disease called the yellow fever had raged at particular periods, so as to render it dangerous for the members of the Legislatures to meet."

Then again it was during the night of the seventeenth of December, when the news was received of the death of General Washington at Mount Vernon three days before.

Congress assembled upon the following morning, and ordered an official memorial service to be held on Thursday, December 26, 1799, in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church at the southeast corner of Fourth and Cherry Streets, in which the Masonic Fraternity was invited to take a prominent position in the Solemn Service.

The time being short, written special notices were were sent out to the members of the Grand Lodge by the Grand Secretary, George A. Baker, one of which has come down to us and is reproduced in facsimile.

Sir & Brother

The death of General George Washington has excited a general public interestedness in which Masons cannot but participate. He was an illustrious Brother. It is recommended that the officers & representatives of Lodges appear on next St John's day in communication with the emblem of their office in black on their aprons.

By Order of the R W Grand Master

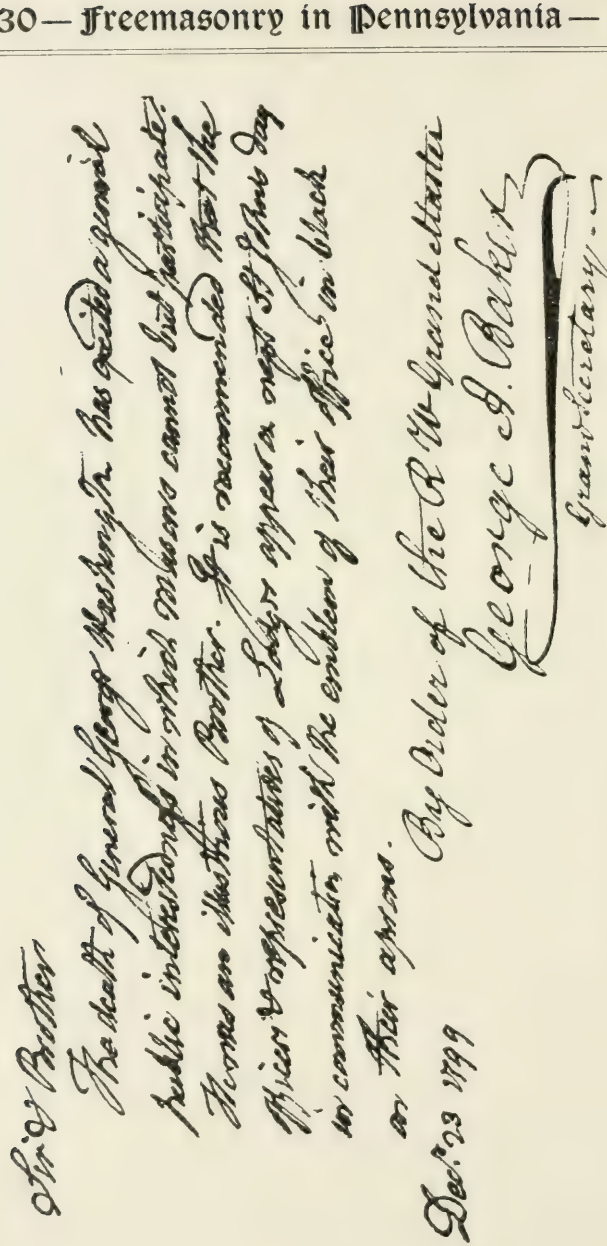
GEORGE A. BAKER

Decr. 23 1799 *Grand Secretary.*

In pursuance to this Notice an Extra Grand Communication was held on December 26, 1799, when

A sufficient Number of Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The present Communication being held by Virtue of a special Summons from the R. W. Grand Master, in consequence of the invitation of the Committee of Arrangement of Congress to attend the delivery of a Funeral Oration in



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Grand Secretary.

FACSIMILE OF GRAND LODGE NOTICE OF DEATH OF WASHINGTON.

Honour of the late Lieutenant General George Washington, as directed by Order of Congress, the R. W. Grand Master opened the business of the meeting in an address to the Grand Lodge.

In conclusion of which he stated: "I detain you no longer. The government of our country has this day honourably distinguished us as among the chief morners of Washington—its Friend, its Protector, and its Ornament. The destined hour has come and we move to the summons."[4]

Whereupon, it was unanimously Resolved, That this Grand Lodge are deeply and sincerely afflicted with the Melancholy event which has accasioned this Communication, and will immediately proceed to join in the Honours about to be shewn to the Memory of our Illustrious deceased Brother.

Also, That this Grand Lodge will bear any Expenses which shall be incurred on this occasion.

The R. W. Grand Master then appointed Bro^r^. Proctor, Master of Ceremonies for the day. Grand Lodge was closed.

The Brethren then formed in due Order in the Grand Lodge Room, and moving from thence joined in the general procession, which formed in the middle of Chestnut Street, right on Sixth. The route was down Fifth to Walnut Street, down Walnut to Fourth and up Fourth to Zion German Lutheran Church. A bier covered with a pall was carried in the procession by six sergeants and was deposited in front of the altar beneath the pulpit. An Anthem, Monody and dirge composed for the occasion was sung by a choir, the leading voices in which were artists from the Theatre in Chestnut Street, the original music of which is now in the Library of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The funeral

[4] Address in full—Reprint of Minutes Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania, Vol. I., pp. 379 et seq.

service was pronounced by the Rt. Rev. Bishop White, after which Gen. Henry Lee, of Virginia, delivered the address in accordance with the resolution of Congress, wherein Bro. Washington was characterized as being "First in war, first in Peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen," which being ended the Masonic Procession returned to the Grand Lodge room.

The following Monody was composed for and sung at the official funeral service, held at the German Lutheran Zion Church. It was dedicated to the Senate of the United States. A copy of the original music is preserved in the Grand Lodge Library.

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Sad are the tidings rumuour tells
  A grateful people mourn his end
Amidst the brave and just he dwells
  A nations father and its friend

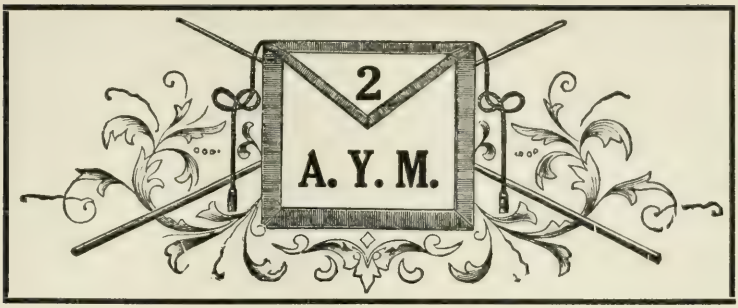
2

With honor crown'd mature in age
  He fell the wonder of mankind
Laden with laurels left the stage
  Nor leaves alas! his like behind

3

Seated in bliss supreme on high
  O spirit dear attend our pray'r
Our guardian angel still be nigh
  Make thy lov'd land thy heav'nly care

FROM COPY IN POSSESSION OF HIS GRANDSON THE HONORABLE WILLIAM WHITE WILTBANK.



CHAPTER XIX.

Independence Hall, 1800–1802.

AT the beginning of the new century Philadelphia was once again a comparatively quiet city. The glamor of being the Capital City of the United States and State of Pennsylvania had passed. It is however true that it was still the commercial metropolis of the country, and boasted of the largest population of any city on the Atlantic Seaboard.

Masonically the horizon seemed bright and clear upon every point except as to a permanent meeting place for the Grand and Subordinate Lodges. The occupation of Independence Hall was at the best only a temporary one, subject to the orders of the civil authorities. In view of these conditions strenuous efforts were made by the Grand Lodge looking toward a permanent home. The lot at the southwest corner of Twelfth and Walnut Streets being deemed too far out of town a building on the south side of Filbert Street above Eighth Street was purchased, soon to be abandoned for the Gothic Hall built on Chestnut Street, north side, between Seventh and

Eighth Street. How this was later destroyed by fire, and what followed will be fully told in the following chapters.

At the very beginning of the new century a solemn Masonic celebration took place in memory of our departed brother Washington.

This was an open Lodge of Sorrow in memory of our late Brother General Washington, held on Wednesday, January 1, by the French Lodge L'Amenite, No. 73, at their Lodge room in Abraham Taylor's Alley, a small thoroughfare between Second and Front Streets, south of Chesnut, now called Ionic Street.

Following is a contemporary account of the celebration:

On Wednesday last [January 1, 1800], the French Lodge le Amenite, No. 73 of the Pennsylvania jurisdiction, exhibited a truly interesting evidence of their veneration for the character of General Washington, which is not confined to country or language. Having decreed that an oration should be delivered on the occasion of his death, the whole Lodge assembled. The room was covered with sable hangings, in a manner dignified as the occasion, truly masonic in its forms and its effects, not to be described. In the center was a superb Bier, raised about ten feet, on a platform of five steps, with the masonic and military bearings of the deceased, elegantly illuminated and supporting a number of urns; over this, from the ceiling, were suspended sable festoons, with appropriate emblems and decorations. The number of lights, we understand, were about 300.

Brother Joseph de la Grange, the master of the Lodge, and officers having taken their seats, the grand officers and the

ladies of the brethren, who had been invited, were conducted to their places.—The members of the Lodge, and visiting brethren, then took their seats. The room was crowded, but without confusion. A solemn silence of some minutes evinced the effect of the scene, and the feelings of the heart. At length the W. Master announced from the East that *the illustrious Brother Washington is dead!*—the South and West responded *the illustrious Brother Washington is dead!* The attention of the company was invited to an eulogium of affection & veneration to his memory. Brother J. Chaudron, orator of the Lodge, then addressed from the heart of the speaker to the hearts of the hearers, animated, enlightened, and dignified reflections, on the character and conduct of General Washington, and their happy effects. The audience were affected, and the speaker being interrupted by their and his own tears, was impressed with the magnitude of the subject.

The W. Master then, in a respectful and emphatic address to the Grand Master and other Grand Officers, and American visitors, stated that though to the United States belonged the peculiar honor of having produced and enjoyed the more immediate advantages of this great character; yet, that Washington had been born for the benefit of mankind, and that other nations felt a lively interest in paying a tribute to his name. The master concluded with an interesting and polite address to the Ladies present, and the business of the day was declared to be finished.

The Lodge room was opened during the afternoon, for the admission of strangers; and, at the solicitation of many respectable persons, it was again opened for the admission of genteel characters on Saturday, the 4th inst. from 10 o'clock a. m. to 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

ORAISON FUNÈBRE,

DU

Frére George Washington,

Prenoncee le premier Janvier 1800,

DANS LA LOGE FRANCAISE

L'AMÉNITÉ:

PAR

Le F∴ SIMON CHAUDRON,

Orateur de la Loge.

Philadelphie;

Chez John Ormrod, No. 41, Chesnut-street.

1800.

Title Page of French Edition of Bro. Chaudron's Oration.

FUNERAL ORATION

ON BROTHER

GEORGE WASHINGTON;

DELIVERED

January 1*st*, 1800,

BEFORE THE FRENCH LODGE L'AMÉNITÉ.

BY BROTHER SIMON CHAUDRON.

TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH
BY SAMUEL F. BRADFORD.

Philadelphia:

PRINTED BY JOHN ORMROD, No. 41, CHESNUT-STREET.

1800.

TITLE PAGE OF ENGLISH EDITION OF BRO. CHAUDRON'S ORATION.

The above oration and addresses were printed in both French and English, copies of which were sent to Mrs. Washington, the President and Vice-President, Governor of the State and Foreign Ambassadors, acknowledgments from whom are on file in the Library of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as well as of the various editions of 1800 and 1811.

The above unique Memorial Service of Lodge 73—the first of its kind in America of which we have any record—was followed by the Masonic memorial service under the auspices of the Grand Lodge on February 22, 1800, as requested by Congress. The Library of the Grand Lodge is fortunate in having in its collection one of the original notices sent out to the members, as well as an "Order of Procession." Facsimiles of both are here reproduced.

At an extra Grand Communication, held Monday, February 3, 1800:

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master informed the Brethren that the present Communication was held for the purpose laying before the Brethren a certain request in writing from several of the Masters of Lodges held in this City, which being presented, was read, and is in the words following:

"We, the Subscribers, Masters of Lodges held in the City of Philadelphia, under the Authority of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, beg leave to request that the R. W. Grand Master may be pleased to direct the Grand Lodge to be convened as soon as conveniently may be, in Order to take the sense of the Grand Lodge whether the Brethren will walk in procession on the Twenty Second Day of February next, being the Day recommended by Congress to be set apart as

THE Grand Officers, the Masters, Past-masters, and Masters and Wardens of Lodges of the Jurisdiction of Pennſylvania, *will meet at the Grand Lodge Room, at* 10 *o'clock, on Thursday morning, to proceed from thence to hear the Funeral Oration to be delivered in honor of the memory Illustrious Brother* GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON, *on in-*

By order of the R. W. Grand Master.

GEORGE A. BAKER.

Grand Sec'y.

N. B. Please to appear dressed in form, which is all in black, except white stockings and gloves, and the emblems on the aprons covered with black.

FACSIMILE OF NOTICE SENT OUT FOR THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FEBRUARY 22, 1800.

a Day of Mourning for the Death of our late Brother General George Washington. Philadelphia, 25th January, A. L. 5800.

"(Sign'd) JOHN PHILLIPS, W. M. No. 2
ANDW. NILSON, W. M. No. 9
Wm. NELSON, W. M. No. 71
GEORGE SPRINGER W. M. No. 52
JOHN MCELWEE No. 59
G. LA GRANGE No. 73."

Whereupon, in Consideration of The President of the United States and Congress having recommended to the people of the United States to assemble on the 22nd. day of the present Month, in such number and manner as may be convenient, publicly to testify to their grief for the Death of General George Washington by suitable eulogies, orations, and discourses, or by public prayers, This Grand Lodge, in compliance with the said recommendation, and in Order to testify their deep affliction for the loss they have sustained by the removal of One of their great lights from among them (the deceased having been a worthy member of their Ancient and Honourable Fraternity), Resolved, That there be a Masonic Procession held on the aforesaid day, to wit, the 22nd instt., in the City of Philadelphia, and that an Oration suitable to the Solemn Occasion be then delivered.

A Committee consisting of the Masters of the different Lodges held in this City was then appointed to make such Arrangements as to them shall appear necessary and proper for conducting the aforesaid Procession.

The Committee of Arrangement on the Occasion of the late Procession Honour of the Memory of Our late Illustrious Brother General George Washington made their Report which was read and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsyl-

THE WASHINGTON FUNERAL PROCESSION, DECEMBER 26, 1799, PASSING MARKET STREET TO ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH AT FOURTH AND CHERRY STREETS.

DRAWN BY BIRCH, 1799.

Grand Lodge of Pennſylvania.

Order of Proceſſion to take place the 22d February 1800, in Honour of the Memory of General Waſhington, as adopted by the Committee of ar angements.

he Brethren to meet at the Grand Lodge Room, at 11 o'clock, A. M. The Proceſſio to be by Lodges, the different Lodge ranking according to Seniority, the Junior Lodge preceding, each Lodge forming one Diviſion, in the following order.

Tyler with drawn Sword,
Entered apprentices, two and two.
Fellow Craſts, two and two,
Maſter Maſons, two and two,
Deacons with their wands tipt with ſilver.
Secretary and Treaſurer,
Wardens.
Paſt Maſters, two and two.
Maſter.

After the Subordinate Lodges, the Grand Lodge, preceded by Muſic, as follows.

MUSIC.

Grand Tyler with drawn Sword,
Twelve Paſt-Maſters, two and two, bearing wands tipt with ſilver.
Grand Sword Bearer, with drawn Sword,
Grand Secretary with Scroll, and Grand Treaſurer.
Grand Wardens, bearing their Columns.
Three Lights extinguiſhed, borne by three Paſt Maſters.
Holy Bible, Square and Compaſ , borne by a aſt Maſter.
Reverend Divine, ſupported by two Paſt Maſters.
Grand Maſter, and Deputy Grand Maſter.
Grand Purſuivant, with drawn Sword.
Four Deacons of the Grand Lodge, two and two, bearing wands tipt with gold.

In the above Order, the proceſſion will move to Zion Church in Fourth Street, the front having reached the Church the proceſſion halt, the Brethren face inwards and open their rank , the Grand Lodge move forward through the ranks, the Brethren cloſe from the rear, and follow the Grand Lodge into the Church.

The Proceſſion will return in the ſame Order to the Grand Lodge Room.

Viſiting and ſojou ning Brethren, to join the Lodges, from whoſe Maſters they ſhall have obtained tickets of permiſſion to walk in proceſſion.

Tickets ſigned by Brother Baker, to admit Citizens into the Church, will be delivered to the Grand Officers and Maſters of the Lodges, to be diſtributed among their Friends gratis.

Publiſhed by Order of the Committee of Arrangements.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

FACSIMILE (REDUCED) OF THE ORDER OF PROCESSION.

vania, and The Committee appointed at an Extra Grand Communication of the said R. W. Grand Lodge, held on the 3rd. February last, to make the necessary and proper Arrangements for a Procession, then Resolved to be held on the 22nd of the same Month in the City of Philadelphia in Honour of the Memory of their late Illustrious Brother General George Washington deceas'd, beg leave to Report:

That in compliance with the Resolutions of the R. W. Grand Lodge Your Committee made such Arrangements in the Premises as to them appeared proper for carrying the said Resolutions into effect. That having so made the necessary arrangements they notified the Brethren desirous of joining in procession to meet at the G. L. Room on the 22nd. Febry., being Saturday, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

That accordingly the Grand Lodge and Brethren met in the G. L. Room, in the State House in the City of Philadelphia, at 11 o'clock, a. m. of the said Day, and the Brethren formed by Lodges in the following manner, to wit:

Tyler with drawn Sword, Hilt in Mourning

Enter'd Apprentices, Two and Two.

Fellow Crafts, Two and Two.

Master Masons, Two and Two.

Deacons with their Wands Tipt with Silver, the Tops in Mourning.

Secretary and Treasurer.

Wardens.

Past Masters, Two and Two.

Master.

The Brethren having crape on their Left Arm and the Emblems and Insignia covered with black, agreeably to a Resolution of the Grand Lodge of St. John's Day last, to continue in force until St. John's Day next.

The several Lodges being thus formed, and the Grand Lodge Organized in Ample Form, the procession moved from the Grand Lodge Room, at 1 o'clock, in the following order, viz.:

1. Trumpeter, with Trumpet in Mourning.

2. The French Lodge L'Amenite, N°. 73, Bro^r^. Joseph E. G. M. De La Grange, Esqr., W. Master.

3. Philadelphia Lodge, N°. 72, Bro^r^. Christian Sheetz, Esqr., W. Master

4. Orange Lodge, N°. 71, Bro^r^. William Nelson, W. Master.

5. Concordia Lodge, No. 67, Bro^r^. Henry Voight, W. Master, pro Tem.

6. Washington Lodge, N°. 59, Bro^r^. Robert Jackson, W. Master, pro Tem.

(The W. Master, Bro^r^. John McElwee, filling his office, that of R. W. Grand Treasurer in the Grand Lodge.)

This Lodge, named after the deceased Brother, had prepared for the occasion and carried in the procession, by Four Members of the Lodge, on a Bier covered with black Cloth, an elegant Urn, about 4 Feet high, Gilt in Burnish'd Gold, placed on a White Marble Base of 3 Steps, inscribed on the Plinth, "Washington Lodge, N°. 59," having on the Top an Eagle Drooping, Gilt, in like manner. From his Beak was suspended a Shield, Gilt, with the following inscription:

"Washington Lodge, Honoured by the Name, let us emulate his Virtues, whose loss we deplore."

7. Harmony Lodge, N°. 52, Bro^r^. George Springer, W. Master.

8. Lodge, N°. 19, Bro^r^. Captain John Coyle, W. Master.

9. Lodge, N°. 9, Bro^r^. Captain Andrew Nilson, W. Master

10. Lodge, N°. 3, Bro^r^. Colonel John Baker, W. Master pro Tem.

(The Worshipful Master, Bro^r^. Israel Israel, Esqr., filling his office in the Grand Lodge, that of R. W. Deputy G. M.)

11. Lodge N°. 2, Bro^r^. John Phillips, W. Master.

12. Band of Music, Instruments in Mourning.

13. The Grand Lodge then followed in the following Order, viz.:

Grand Tyler, with drawn Sword, Hilt in Mourning.

Twelve Past Masters, Two and Two, bearing Wands tipt with Silver, the Tops in Mourning.

Grand Sword Bearer, with drawn Sword, Hilt in Mourning.

Grand Secretary, with Scroll in Mourning and Grand Treasurer.

Grand Wardens, bearing their Columns in Mourning.

Three Lights *Extinguished*, borne by Three Past Masters.

Holy Bible, Square and Compass, in mourning, borne by a Past Master, and supported by Two Past Masters.

The Reverend Doct^r^. Magaw, supported by Two Past Masters.

The R. W. Grand Master and R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Pursuivant, with drawn Sword, Hilt in Mourning.

Four Deacons of the Grand Lodge, Two and Two, bearing Wands Tipt with Gold, the Tops in Mourning.

In the above Order the Procession, consisting of between 300 and 400 Brethren,[1] moved along Chestnut Street to Third Street, along Third Street to Mulberry or Arch Street, along Arch Street to Fourth Street, and along Fourth Street to Zion Church, one of the Churches of the German Lutheran Congregation, the Corporation whereof had upon application to them very obligingly granted the Use of the said Church for the Occasion.

[1] The Number of Brethren in the procession was 333, thus the truly Masonic 3 times 3 occurring accidentally.

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ORATION

COMMEMORATIVE OF

THE VIRTUES AND GREATNESS

OF

GENERAL WASHINGTON;

PRONOUNCED IN THE

GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH,

PHILADELPHIA:

BEFORE THE

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,

ON THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF FEBRUARY, EIGHTEEN HUNDRED.

BY SAMUEL MAGAW, D. D.

Published at the Request of the Grand Lodge.

Philadelphia:

PRINTED BY J. ORMROD, No. 41, CHESNUT-STREET.

1800.

TITLE PAGE OF BRO. SAMUEL MAGAW'S ORATION.

The Front of the Procession having reached the Church, the Brethren opened their Ranks and faced inwards; the Grand Lodge, with the Urn in Front, moved forward through the Ranks, the Brethren closed from the Rear and followed the Grand Lodge into the Church, where a Pathetic and Elegant Oration was delivered by the Reverend Doct^r. Magaw. In the intervals of service solemn Funeral Odes in the German Language, composed for the Occasion by the Reverend Doct^r. Helmuth, and set to music by Messrs. Emrich and Weizaecker, were sung by the Singing Society of the aforesaid Congregation, accompanied by a full Orchestra, under the direction of Messrs Emrich and Weizaecker.

The business of the Day being finished the Procession, with the Urn in Front, returned in inverse Order to the Grand Lodge Room.

The whole was arranged and conducted with that Order, simplicity and dignity, which was suitable to the impressive occasion, and which the Masons of Pennsylvania have always endeavored to cultivate.

Several Brethren from the Neigboring Lodges came to the City to attend the Procession, and many others were detained from coming as they were engaged in rendering similar tokens of regard in their respective Lodges

Philadelphia, 3rd. March, A. L. 5800

Attest: ISRAEL ISRAEL, Chairman.

GEORGE A. BAKER
Secretary.

Brother Magaw's masterful sermon was subsequently printed, a copy of which is in the Grand Lodge Library.

January 13, 1800.—Stated Lodge. Present 16 mem-

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1766-1866.

S. E. COR. FOURTH AND CHERRY STREETS, WHEREIN THE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL SERVICES WERE HELD.

bers & 3 Visitors. It was agreed unanimously that the Fourth Monday in each Month shall be reserved for a Lecture Night.

January 27, 1800.—Extra Lodge. Present 7 Members & 2 Visitors. The three Lectures were given

February 10, 1800.—Stated Lodge. Present 16 members, On motion Resolved That instead of the Secretary receiving 50 Dolls per year to receive One Dollar on each initiation and One Dollar on each Certificate. It was also agreed that our present Tyler McArty be discharged and William Schneider be appointed in his room.

The Pettion of Rich[d]. Hunt late Treasurer to be reinstated in this Lodge was read and unanimously agreed to he giving security to the Treasurer for the "Mony hee Ows" this Lodge.

March 10, 1800.—Stated Night. Present 11 members & 4 Visitors.

Two Communications from the Grand Lodge was read and approved on It was moved and seconded that Copies of the Grand Masters Communication be Printed for the use of the Members and B[r]. Phillips W. M. was appointed to wait on the G. M. for his leave which was Granted.

Resolved That Aprons for the Officers with proper emblems painted upon them and also 12 White Aprons be provided for the use of Lodge No 2

March 11, 1800.—Extra Lodge. 2 p m Joseph

Lynch and John Phillips, Mariners were Entered Passed & Raised, by a dispensation granted by the R. W. Grand Master.

March 15, 1800.—Extra Lodge.

The Committee appointed to enquier into the situation of B^{rs}. Hamilton Baylee and Joseph Choats Reported that they assisted B^{r}. J. H. Baile with Five Dolls. but found B^{r} Joseph Choats in a situation not wanting assistance.

"Henry Mesey was Initiated in the first degree this Night he being aproved on the Last Stated Night the sence of the Lodge was taken on the Question and was agreed to Unanimous. B^{r} Mesey being in waiting was Initiated in the first degree of Masonery in ancient form" Received a Lecture on that degree Pay^{d} his Initiation Fees 26 Dolls.

April 14, 1800.—Stated Lodge. Present 10 members & 3 Visitors.

A Circular Letter was Received from the Grand Lodge and Read, the Contents was the Expulsion of E Fisher for Life, and the Suspending Mathew Watson & W^{m}. Miller for the term of one Year, for misconduct, all members of No. 19. A motion was made and seconded that special notices be sent to such Members who are in arears to the Lodge the next stated Night. A complaint was made against B^{r} —— by B^{r} ——the Complaint was Refered to the Committee of Grievances.

BROTHER GEORGE A. BAKER.

R. W. GRAND SECRETARY 1797-1816.

April 28, 1800.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 8 members & 5 Visitors.

Henry Robinson and W^m^. Peek to be struck of the list of Members for not Paying their dues according to the by-laws. The Committee of Charity not being able to Report on the situation of Timothy Russel was ordered to be Continued.

May 12, 1800.—Stated Lodge. Present 11 members & 6 Visitors.

May 15, 1800.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 6 members,

The Lodge met for the Purpose of Initiating two Persons by dispensation but the R. W. Grand Master not being satisfyd with their Caracter would not grant the same.

June 9, 1800.—Stated Night. Present 18 members & 8 Visitors. Election.—Geo A Baker, W. M.—Robert Pullen, S. W.—Adam Duey, J. W.—John Cope, Treas^r^—Thos Marshall, Secty.

"A motion was made and seconded and leave was granted by the [Grand?] Lodge to work in the higher degrees of Free Masonry under the Warrant of Lodge No 2" Balance in Treas^r^ hands 1560 Dolls.

June 23, 1800.—Extra Lodge. Officers Installed.

July 14, 1800.—Stated Night. Present 13 members & 2 Visitors Brs Rain & Burden were appointed Stewards Bro Hassels S. D. & Neild J. D.

"The Pettion of Ann Rediough a Masons Widow

praying for Relief was Read a sum not exceeding 15 Dolls was granted By the Lodge to be disposed of as the Committee thought propper Committee B^{rs}. Duey Cope & Marshall. It was agreed that the Treasurer should Receive a security from B^{r}. Hunt for the Money he Ows this Lodge and that B^{r} Hunt should have leaf to Pettion this Lodg to become a Member. A Motion was made & seconded that 12 Books of the Constitution be got for the use of the Lodge."

August 11, 1800.—Stated Lodge. Present 11 members & 1 Visitor. "It was agreed that an Order be given to the Tyler to receive a picture of Solomon's Temple from Bro Phillips presented by Bro Patton to be hung up in this Lodge"

The Committee apointed to enquire into the case of Ann Rediough they not being ready to reporte it was agreed that B^{r} Charls Nield be added to the Committee The Pettion of Henry Baker for relief was read it was agreed that a committee be appointed to enquier into the Carracter an circumstance of the Pettioner the Committe was B^{rs}. Pullen Duey and Phillips.

September 8, 1800.—Stated Night. Present 14 members and 5 Visitors. "It was agreed that a vote of Thanks be given Bro Jno Patten for his present of a picture of Solomon's Temple for the use of Lodge No 2"

"The Committee apointed to enquire into the situation of Ann Rediough and Henry C. Baker Pettioning this Lodge for relief reported that they found them fit objects and relieved them with 10 Dollars each. The Pettion of Robt. Fletcher Member of S^{t}. Johns Lodge New York praying for Relief was Read and a Committee appointed to enquier into his Caracter and situation and to grant such relief as they shold think fitt Committee B^{rs}. Robt. Pullen, John Phillips W^{m}. Allen. A Bill was presented for Payment for Furnishing this Lodge with eight Officers and 22 Plain aprons wich ordered to be Payd. A Complaint was made by B^{r} Esdale of Lodge No. 9 against B^{r}. Cope of this Lodge it was agreed that a special Committee be apointed to enquier into the merits of the Complaint. B^{r} Pullen Burden & Phillips—Committee."

"It was agreed that the Tyler's Bill and all other Bills against this Lodge be in future read in open Lodge for the information of the members present."

October 13, 1800.—Stated Night. Present 6 members adjourned to October 18 Present 8 mem & 3 Visitors.

October 18, 1800.—Adjourned Stated Lodge. The Committee apointed to enquier into the dispute betwixt B^{r} John Cope and B^{r}. Button Estil reported it was their opinion that B^{r}. John Cope treated the Committee with disrespect in not atending after being

summoned A Complaint was made by Lodge No. 72 against Br. Casper Graff a member of this Lodge and a Committee was apointed to here the Complaint the Committee was Brs. Pullen, Burden & Nield. The Pettion of Martha Walker a Masons Widow Praying for Relief was again read & a Committee was apointed to enquier into her Carracter.

November 10, 1800.—Stated Lodge. Present 12 members & 1 Visitor, Bro Franklin

The Committe apointed hear the Complaint made by Lodge 72 against Casper Graff Br. Coop of Lodge No 72 not atending the Committee was not able to Report The Committee apointed to enquier into the situation of Elizabeth Skinner reported it was their opinion she wanted no relief. The Committee apointed to enquier into the situation of Robt. Fletcher of St. Johns Lodge New York Praying for relief reported that they found him worthy of being relieved and gave him ten Dollars. The Committee apointed to enquier into the situation and carracter of Martha Walker Praying for relief reported that she was worthy of being relieved and gave her six Dollars.

"The Lodge agreed unanimously that a Committee of three brethern be appointed to draw up a vote of thanks to be given to Bro Jno Patton for the present of Wine Glass and Tumblers &c for the use of Lodge No 2 The Committee was Br G. A. Baker W M. Brs Pullen S W and John Phillips" "The Tyler Bill was read and agreed to amounting to £ 3—6—2"

November 22, 1800.—Extra Lodge. Present 10 members and 5 Visitors including R. W. G. M. J. Bayard Smith & R. W. S. G. W. Milnor.

A Pettion was presented and Read from the Widow Janner Praying for Relief and a Committe was apointed to Enquier into her situation and Report thereon the Next Stated night

December 8, 1800.—Stated Night. Present 19 members Bal in Treas^{r} $107.—Election G. A. Baker W. M.—Robert Pullen S. W.—Joseph Burden J. W. John Phillips, Secty—John Cope. Treas^{r}.

The Committe apointed to enquire into the situation of Widow Janner was not able to report not being able to find her Place of aboad it was agreed that they should be discharged. The Lodge went into the Complaint made against B^{r}. Cope by B^{r}. Button Estil it was agreed that the same Committe be alowd to sit again as B^{r}. Cope's reason for not atending the Committee was that he was out of Town.

December 22, 1800.—Stated Lodge. Officers installed, Bro. Able, S. D.—Thos Marshall, J. D.—Bros Rain & Ostheine, Stewards and Schneider, Tyler.

The Committe apointed to enquire into the situation of Widow Janner came forward and her situation made known to the Lodge The Lodge on their reporte Granted her Ten Dollars and the Sect^{ry}. was ordered to draw an order on the Treasurer to the amount. The Committe apointed to hear the Com-

plaint made by Br. Estil against Br Cope at Br Allen's according to the sumons from the Sectry Br Cope not atending the Committe cold not report it was unanimously agreed to Postpone the Business to the next Stated night. when Br Cope should be served with a special Summons to shew Cawse why he not be expeld.

"A motion was made and seconded that the expense of the dinner on St John's day shall not exceed Two Dollars to each member and if there be any deficiency the Lodge shall pay the deficiency out of their funds, a motion was made and seconded that the Grand Officers be invited to dine with the members of No 2 on St John's Day next and the Dinner Committee was ordered to invite them, a motion was carried that an order be drawn on the Treasr for 40 Dolls to pay the deficiency of the Dinner if any there may be." A Letter was read from Hiram Lodge No 81 inviting the Lodge to joint with them in a procession on the 1st January 1801 at Germantown.

December 27, 1800.—"This being St John's Day, The Members of this Lodge with visiting brethern from other Lodges Met at John Francis' Market Street[2] where we partook of an elegant entertainment

[2] After Philadelphia had ceased to be the capital city, the mansion, No. 160 Market Street, formerly occupied by General Washington, was rented by Brother John Francis, who opened it as a public house under the name of the Union Hotel. It has been stated that the Grand Lodge met in this historic mansion on several occasions, but no documentary proof of this fact has thus far been found. The above entry in the Minutes of Lodge No. 2, however, proves the fact that occasional Lodges were held here.

provided on the occasion. The Grand S. W. & J. W. attended. After Dinner an E A Lodge was opened. A Deputation was appointed to wait on Lodge 59 & 73 to congratulate them upon the day &c A Deputation was likewise received from Lodge 59 & 73 with congratulations in the day.

After having spent the day with the utmost Hilarity and Conviviality the Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock

Applications this year Initiations 6 Affiliations 1 Suspended 4 Withdrawn 1

January 12, 1801.—Stated Meeting. Present 14 members & 3 Visitors.

The Lodge Proceeded to the discussion on the Conduct of John Cope, and after mature Delibration it was moved & Seconded that John Cope be and is hereby Expelled, for the Great Contempt Shewn to three Committees appointed by the Lodge to Settle an Account Beetween B^r^. Estill of Lodge No. 9 and John Cope, and his refusal to attend a Special Committe Sent to him by the Lodge and making use of Blasphemious Language and forfeeture of his obligation Unanimous. A Petition from Bernard Knapp Praying Relief was read. A Committee was appointed to Enquire into his Situation and five dollars placed in their hand for his relief if they should see occasion.

January 26, 1801.—Adjourned Lodge Present 14

members and 2 Visitors. Br Chas Neild chosen Treas^r & installed in place of Jno Cope expelled

A Committee was appointed to wait on the late Treasurer for all papers in his possession and to settle his Demand on this Lodge if he have any.

February 9, 1801.—Stated Lodge. Present 20 members & 9 Visitors including R. W. G. M. Smith "Resolved That every brother receiving a certificate from this Lodge or from the Grand Lodge for the purpose of traveling shall on or before the Second stated night after his return to the City shall return the said Certificate to the Secretary of ye Lodge under ye forfeiture of his Expulsion, unanimous" Tyler Bill read & Ordered paid $14.47½

February 23, 1801.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 16 members & 9 Visitors.

A petition from y^e Wife of Thos. Marley praying relief was presented and read The petition was reffered to a Committee with power to Draw on the Treasurer for a Sum not Exceeding ten Dollars to be applied as they Shall See Occasion.

"Bill was presented by Bro Jno Garvey and read amounting to 4 Dolls for ye making a △ Box of Mahogany and lined for ye collection of Dues, which was ordered to be paid an order drawn on ye Treasurer for ye same." Tyler Bill $8.50

March 9, 1801.—Stated Lodge. Present 21 members and 19 Visitors among whom was Patrick Lyons

The Committee to whom was reffered the Petition of the wife of Thos. Marley Reported, that they found her in Great Distress and relieved her with ten Dollars allowed by y^{e} Lodge. The Committee to whom was reffered ye Petition of David Irving reported unfavourably of him on the sence of ye Lodg being taken, it was agreed that they should go into ballot for him, on Counting the ballots there being thirteen black balls and only five white for him he was rejected which was ordered to be transmitted to the Grand Lodge. The Secretary was ordered to inform the Candidate of ye same.

March 12, 1801.—Extra Lodge. Present 6 members & 6 Visitors William Warren receives first degree

March 23, 1801.—Stated Lodge. Present 16 members & 4 Visitors.

B^{r}. Marshall presented 12 aprons to ye Lodge agreable to an order Received the Last Meeting. B^{r} Snyder informed the Lodge that he had recieved from ye W. M. 1 doz. Copies of ye Constitutions for ye use of ye Lodge.

April 13, 1801.—Stated Lodge. Present 19 members & 14 Visitors. The W. M. returned thanks to Capt Jno Patton Member of this Lodge, for ye presents that he had given this Lodge (viz) a Picture of Solomon's Temple with Decanter Tumblers & Wine Glasses with ye square & Compass cut on each and Lodge No 2''

A Petition was presented and read from Bartholomew Van Keer a Distressed Brother praying reliefe was read on ye sense of ye Lodg bieng taken it was rejected.

April 27, 1801.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 12 members & 5 Visitors. "Bro Phillips presented this Lodge with a book of the Constitutions of Mass & Boston for the use of this Lodge."

May 11, 1801.—Stated Lodge. Present 20 members & 3 Visitors. "Br Hall was examined in open Lodge by the S. W. as to his proficiency and found worthy to be Raised." Resolved "That the Stewards be authorized to provide a handsome supper for the next stated Meeting on the sense of the Lodge being taken it was agreed to. It was then moved and seconded that the Stewards be limited, and that they do not exceed Twenty Dollars which was agreed to" Tylers Bill paid £ 3—14—10½

June 8, 1801.—Present 25 members & 9 Visitors. Election Robert Pullen W. M.—Joseph Burden S. W. —Thos Marshall J. W.—Phillips, Secty—Geo A Baker Treas^r. Resolved "That no refreshment be provided except on Election Nights the expenses of which shall be determined by the Lodge the Meeting previous to the Election" Tyler Bill £ 7—18—6.

June 22, 1801.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 10 members & 4 Visitors. Officers Installed

July 13, 1801.—Stated Lodge. Present 14 members

& 4 Visitors. "A communication was presented and read from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania stating their prospect of purchasing a permanent place to carry on their Labors and requesting a loan of this Lodge of whatever sum they should be able to spare on lawful interest." "On the sense of the Lodge being taken it was agreed that Fifty Dollars be loaned." Bro Tatem S. D. Jno Cope J D. Farr & Allen Stewards Tylers Bill £ 5—11—7

July 16, 1801.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 9 members & 3 Visitors.

July 24, 1801.—Extra Lodge. Present 7 members & 1 Visitor.

August 10, 1801.—Stated Lodge. Present 18 members & 12 Visitors.

Visitors:	Br. Edward & James Clark, No 417, Ireland
Br. Howel	" Wigtinbury 67
" Snider, No 72	" Isaac Breden, 184, Ireland
" Moore	" John C. Brevor
" H. Snider, 67	" McFarland, 71
" Littlewood, 67	" H. Cambell

Tyler's Bill $11.75 adjourned till to morrow morning 6 a. m.

August 11, 1801.—Adjourned Lodge. 6 a m Present 8 members & 4 Visitors.

Entered Apprentic Lodg was opened in due form and the minutes of the Last Stated Meeting was read. Entered Apprentice Lodge Closed and the Master Masons opened Br. Corson being duly prepared was

brought forward and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Ancient form. Returned and gave thanks and received a Lecture on that Degree. Lodge Closed at 8 o'clock.

September 14, 1801.—Stated Meeting. Present 21 members & 4 Visitors.

The W. M. Suggested to the Lodge the Case of Br. Wm. Harmar a Member of this Lodge, who being in a deranged state of his Mind, thought it would be advisable to appoint a Committee to make an enquiry into his affairs and if he stood in need to relive him, tho he had not applyed for any, which the Lodge agreed to, and a sum not exceeding 15 Dollars were to be drawn by the Committee on the Treasurer as they shall see fit. Committee Brs. Pullen, Burden and Marshal. The Committee to whom was refered the Petition of Agnew Campbell Reported favorably; but an objection being stated sufficient to induce the Committee to withdraw their report, after some Discussion they were continued to enquire farther and report the Next Stated night. Stewards Bill £ 2—19—3

October 12, 1801.—Stated Lodge. Present 16 members & 3 Visitors.

Brother. Ward, Scotland—Todd, Belfast Wigtilbury No 67

The Committee to whom was reffered the petition of Mrs. Harman Reported they had found her distress

and relieved her with ten dollars. A motion was made and Seconded that the sum of twenty Dollars be placed in the Hands of the Committee for the widow of Br. Wm. Harman and his family which was agreed to unanimously.

A Petition was ordered to be drawn by the Committee on Charity in behalf of this Lodge for the widow of Bro Wm Harmar, and "that they present the said Petition to their sister Lodges in this City (Lodge Amenite excepted) to crave their assistance" Stewards Bill $9.—

A petition was presented from the widow of Alexr. Robinson who was a Member of Old No. 2 praying relief was read, after some discussion the sense of the Lodge being taken it was rejected.

October 26, 1801.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 12 members, "The Committee on Bro Harman "report That they made application to the several Lodges herewith subjoined and obtained relief for the Petitioner which the different Resolutions state they likewise report that [the widow of ?] Bro Wm Harman died on Saturday and was decently interred on Sunday"

On motion made and seconded it was *Resolved* that the remaining ten Dollars which remained out of 20 voted by the Lodge, remain with the Committee for her further relief, on the sense of the Lodge being taken it was unanimously agreed to.

Resolved That in future there be no refreshments provided out of the funds of the Lodge except on the regular Stated Lodge nights, being the second Monday in every month carried unanimously

November 9, 1801.—Stated Lodge. Present 20 members & 4 Visitors.

The Worship M. made a verbal Report that they had given the remaining ten Dollars which was remaining in their hands to the widow Harman. When she returned her gratefull acknowledgement for the relief she had received from them and the different Lodges which together amounted to Sixty Dollars and that it should never be obliterated from her mind.

On motion made and seconded that a sum not exceeding 20 Dolls be expended by the Stewards at our Election night, which was agreed to'' Tylers Bill $8.75.

December 14, 1801.—Stated Lodge. Present 23 members & 6 Visitors.

A petition was received from the widow of Ale^xr^. Robinson a Member of Old No 2 Stating her distressed Situation and praying relief was read after some Discussion, it was referred to a Committee with Power to Draw on the Treasurer for 10 Dollars for her Relief, if found worthy. Committee appointed were Brs. Pullen, Burden, Marshal. The Lodge was called off from Labour to refreshment, the Lodge was again called on. The Lodge went into the Election

of officers for the ensuing Six Months when the following Brethren were duly Elected for the ensuing Six Months, viz.:

Robt Pullen W M Jos Burden S. W. Thos Marshall J. W. Phillips Secty G A Baker Treasr "Resolved That notices be sent to the members on adjourned Meetings." Officers Installed Tyler & Stewards Bill £ 7—10—8d

December 26, 1801.—Extra Lodge. Present 8 members

Petitions this year 16 Approved 14 Affiliations 3 1 Suspended 2 Expelled

End of the Fourth Minute Book of Lodge No. 2.

January 11, 1802.—Stated Meeting. Present 14 members and 4 Visitors. Bal. in Treasurers hands $151.06 "Brother Carter was examined in Open Lodge as to his proficiency in ye first Degree and found worthy to be Passed."

January 25, 1802.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 16 members & 3 Visitors.

February 8, 1802.—Stated Lodge. Present 21 members & 10 Visitors.

A Letter was received and read from David Irving requesting the brethren to reconsider his petition and revoke the result of the ballot which was taken that night, after some discussion, on motion made and seconded it was agreed that it should lay over to the next Stated night.

Henry Moser being some time past an Entered Apprentice and been constantly in the habit of travelling, had not an opportunity to perfect himself according to our bye-Laws however on ye sense of the Lodge being taken, it was agreed that he should be passed.

Friday, February 12, 1802.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 15 members.

March 8, 1802.—Stated Lodge. Present 25 members "A complaint was brought forward against a member of this Lodge by a Member of Lodge No 72 which was referred to a Committee to Investigate"

On Motion made and Seconded *Resolved* that a Committee be appointed to Correct & Revise the bye laws and report thereon.

March 16, 1802.—Extra Meeting. 13 members Present. "Bro Maquire was Passed to the Degree of the Chair by virtue of a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge"

March 30, 1802.—Extra Lodge. Present 13 members.

April 20, 1802.—Stated Lodge. Present 16 members.

The Regulations of which the masters have agreed to Support in Br. Francis Room[3] was agreed to unanimously.

A Report of the Committee on the Petition of

[3] Bro William Francis Dancing Academy, No. 70, North Eighth Street between Arch and Race.

Laurence Justice's Child report that they found the Child in Distress and relieve it with the ten Dollars placed in their hands for that Purpose.

May 10, 1802.—Stated Lodge. Present 21 members. "Resolved That no dues be collected from our visiting Brethren during our Meetings in this room, as it is stated in ye 8th Section of our Bye Laws"

A Petition was read from John Brock Praying relief. After some Discussion it was rejected on his having been Expelled from this lodge for non payment of Dues.

May 24, 1802.—Special Meeting. Present 14 members & 10 Visitors. An Entered Apprentice Lodge opened in due form. "The W M informed the Brethren that this Lodge was summoned together for the express purpose of taking into consideration the granting a Loan to the Grand Lodge, to be placed in hand of the Committee for the purpose of purchasing a permanent Building." "On Motion, Resolved That the sum of Two hundred and fifty Dollars be loaned for that purpose which was carried unanimously" and "A Committee was appointed to wait on Brethren for their voluntary donations for the same purpose," Bros Robert Pullen W M for the City, William Farr for Southwark and John Cope for the Northern Liberties"

June 14, 1802.—Stated Lodge. Present 22 members & 5 Visitors.

Visitors: Wigtinbury, No 3; Lewis, W. M., No.

51; Samuel Hamton, 19; Blame, 73; Thomas Hennessy, 91.

The Petitions which lay on our books from the Last Stated night of the Widows Bennet & Ford were refered to Committees with powers of giving them a Sum not Exceeding ten Dollars each as they shall see occasion.

Election Joseph Burden W. M.—Thomas Marshall, S. W.—Thomas Tatem, J. W. John Phillips. Secty. —Charles Hassells, Treas[r]

Thursday, June 17, 1802, 6 a. m.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 13 members and 1 visitor Bro Lewis W M No 51. Officers installed.

Sunday Morning, June 20, 1802, 9 a. m.—Extra Meeting. Present 8 members, Capt[n] Benjamin Weeks initiated.

July 12, 1802.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 14 members & 5 Visitors.

A petition was received and read from the Widow Lexe stating her distressed Situation. A Committee was appointed consisting of Br[s]. Pullen, Carter & Phillips to Enquire into her Situation and Grant her such relief as they shall see fit not exceeding ten Dollars.

A petition was received and read from the Widow Gatty stating her distressed situation; the above Committee were appointed with the same powers of relieving her.

Bal. in Treas[r]. hands $34.

July 17, 1802.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 13 members & 5 Visitors. Bro Carter appointed S. D, Bro Rayner J. D. Bro William Farr and Robert Allen, Stewards.

August 8, 1802.—Extra Lodge. Present 7 members "A Petition was read from Bro Wm Schneider requesting a loan of this Lodge on the sense of the Lodge being taken it was agreed that Fifteen Dolls be loaned to him and his receipt taken for the same"

It was moved, seconded and agreed to that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the state & situation of the Widow Bray whose Certificate was sent on to Boston, & 10 Dollars placed in the Hands of a Committee, viz: Br^s^. Pullen & Phillips.

Adjourned to the Second Monday in November. [This adjournment was on account of another outbreak of the yellow fever.]

November 8, 1802.—Stated Lodge. Present 15 members & 3 Visitors. "It was moved and seconded that the members be exonerated from paying dues from July to November which was agreed to."

A Petition was presented and read from Thos. Bary, a Mariner of No. 53 in England Setting forth his distressed situation & Craving such relief as the Brethren shall see fit. Referred to a Committee of Br^s^. Robt. Allen, Marshall & Tatem to enquire into his Situation and to Grant him such relief as they shall see occasion not exceeding Eight Dollars, which sum was placed in their hands for that purpose. Br

Israel Presented likewise a Dollar. The Committee to whom was referred the Correspondence with the St. Andrews Lodge in Boston Relative to the Certificate and the Petition of the Widow Bray, made their report, and Presented the letters which they received from the G. Secry of Massachusetts before the Lodge which was read. After some discussion, on the Sence of the Lodge being taken it was *Resolved* that the Petition and Letters be returned her.

November 18, 1802.—Extra Lodge. Present 8 members & 1 Visitor Bro Rose No 52

December 13, 1802.—Stated Lodge. Present 21 members & 2 Visitors

Br. Robt. Allen Reported that he had laid out the Monies that had been put in his hands for Br Thos. Barry in Cloathing for him.

A Letter was presented and read from Thos. Barry, Returning his grateful acknowledgement to this Lodge for their favours Conferred on him.

A Petition was Presented and read from Jno. Able, a Member of this Lodge Stating his Situation owing to an accidence he received in his business and requesting assistance of this Lodge. On the Sence of the Lodge being taken, a Committee was appointed of Bro. Jno. Cope, Chas. Hassells & Jno. Ostheime and a grant of 20 Dollars placed in their hands for his assistance.

The Lodge Called of from Labour to Refreshment for a Short Space of time.

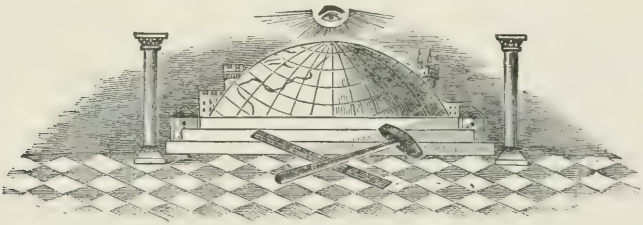
Election Joseph Burden W M Thos Tatem S. W. Thomas Raynor J. W. John Phillips Secty Robert Pullen Treas^r "It was moved and seconded 'That an Inside Tyler or Master of Ceremonies be appointed which the Lodge agreed to:—Bro William Allen was appointed to that Office.' Bro Wm Schneider was reappointed outside Tyler for the ensuing six months."

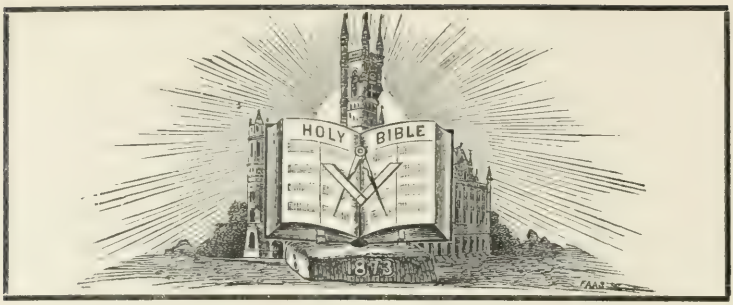
Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to procure new Aprons, Sashes and new hangings for the Jewels & for the Officers of this Lodge.

"Tyler's Bill was read and ordered to be paid except that which refers to the moving the things amounting to 3 Dolls, which was referred to the officers."

Saturday, December 25, 1802, 11 a. m.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 8 members & 1 Visitor. Officers installed Bro Carter appointed S. D. & Robert Allen J. D. Applications 14 Approved 8 Affiliations 3 Not acted on 4 Dispensation 3

Here follows a Certifyed list of Members, Initiations Admissions & Dispensations, signed by John Phillips Secretary.





CHAPTER XX.

The Pennsylvania Freemason's Hall, 1803–1811.

THE question has frequently been asked when and why the Grand Lodge vacated the rooms in the State House or Independence Hall, as neither date nor particulars appear in the minutes. The finding of a letter in our Archives from R. W. D. G. M. Milnor to Grand Secretary George A. Baker dated April 3, 1802, gives us the first clue to the circumstances. It appears from official records that early in the year 1802 the Legislature granted to Charles Wilson Peale the use of the State House for a museum, who at once took possession and made several changes, such as building a room over the main stairway in the main hall and placing a large sign over the main door containing the word "MUSEUM." Peale also took up his dwelling in the hall. This and other matters made things unpleasant for the brethren. Then again Peale objected to the length of the meetings, and sent a complaint to the R. W. G. M. J. B. Smith, who

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PLACE OF MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.
PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASONS HALL, 1802–1810, 1819–1820.
FILBERT STREET, ABOVE EIGHTH, ~~NORTH~~ SOUTH SIDE.
PHILADELPHIA.

being ill referred the matter to the R. W. Deupty James Milnor, who sent the following letter to the Grand Secretary for action:

Dear Sir & Brother

The R. W. G. M being too much indesposed to attend to business I have been called on by Mr Peale to whose care the statehouse has been Confided. He Complains that the sittings of the Lodges are continued to so late an hour as to occasion him great inconvenience

Will you be good enough to cause it to be intimated to the Masters of Lodges that it is very desirable for the short time we shall be permitted to occupy our present place of meeting that they should close their sittings at as early an hour as possible. I flatter myself a mere hint on the subject will remove every cause of Complaint

Your faithful Br.

JAMES MILNOR

April 3, 1802 D. G. M.

Br. G. A. BAKER R. W. G. S.

In the meantime the friction between Peale and the brethren increased, and it appears that the brethren were summarily ordered to vacate, by the authorities. This left the brethren without a suitable meeting place, notwithstanding the efforts of the Grand Lodge to secure a building of their own. In this dilemma Brother William Francis came to the aid of the brethren and offered them the use of his large room on the west side of Eighth Street—no. 70 (old number) —between Arch and Race Streets. This kind offer

was accepted and the Grand and subordinate Lodges met there until the building on Filbert Street above Eighth Street purchased by the Grand Lodge was finished and ready for occupany.

Brother William Francis was a comedian and had a dancing academy at above address. It was in this hall or room where the Lodge meetings were held during this interim. He was the same person who in April, 1800, borrowed the jewels and aprons of several Lodges to use in the "Performance of a Theatrical Representation for his Benefit," for which the Grand Lodge censured the masters of the aforesaid Lodges.[1]

How the action of Brother Francis was appreciated by the brethren is shown by the following resolution of the Grand Lodge at the Grand Quarterly Communication, December 6, A. L. 5802, when—

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved Unanimously, That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to Brother William Francis, for his kind attention to the welfare of our Institution, by granting leave to his Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges to meet in this Room at a Time when they were all destitute of a place of Meeting.

Resolved Unanimously, That Bro^r. Grand Secretary present to Brother Francis a Copy of the above Resolution.

This was followed at the Adjourned Communication, December 13, A. L. 5802, by a resolution by Bro. Lewis:

[1] Reprint of the Minutes, Vol. I., pp. 408–409.

In consequence of Bro^r. William Francis's Fraternal affection to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Subordinate Lodges under their Jurisdiction in providing them a Temple to work in during the building of their permanent Hall, Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Master be requested to cause Bro^r Francis to be passed to the Chair, and that a suitable Jewel and Apron be presented to him in Addition to the Vote of Thanks already presented to him. The Consideration of which Resolution was postponed.

At the next Adjourned Communication, January 3, A. L. 5803, we find:

The Resolution offered the 13th Ultimo, respecting Bro^r. William Francis's being passed to the Chair and a Past Master's Jewel and Apron being presented him was taken into Consideration and Adopted and Bro^rs. Ferguson, Pullen and Griffith were appointed a Committee to carry so much of the said Resolution as respects the Jewel and Apron into effect.

As the new building in Filbert Street approached completion it was resolved at the Extra Grand Communication held November 15, 1802:

That the Building in Filbert Street purchased and prepared for the use of this Grand Lodge be called and known by the Name of

"THE PENNSYLVANIA FREE MASON'S HALL."

It was also resolved that the hall should be dedicated with the ancient ceremonial, and a procession of the brethren. A full account of this interesting occasion, in which Lodge No. 2 was a prominent factor, has been preserved in the archives of the

Grand Lodge, from which following extracts are made:

Agreeably to the Resolution of the Grand Lodge of the 6th Instant and to the Arrangement made by the Committee appointed for that purpose, the Brethren assembled at the Church of the Universalists[2] in Lombard Street, between

[2] The question has frequently occurred, why it was that the Masonic Fraternity upon that festive occasion assembled and started from the Universalist Church, on the south side of Lombard Street, between Fourth and Fifth Street, then unfinished on the inside, being without plaster on the walls or galleries. From documents in the compiler's possession it appears that Israel Israel, John Vannest and other prominent members of the Grand Lodge had become members of the New Society, and the Pastor, Rev. George Richards (see below), was Grand Chaplain, who became an enthusiastic Mason and later edited the *Freemason's Magazine,* published in Philadelpia by Levis and Weaver, copies of which are in the Grand Lodge Library. There is still another interesting matter wherein the Universalists are identified with the Masonic history of our Grand Lodge. When the old Freemasons' Lodge on Lodge Alley was sold by the Sheriff as related in chapter XV, the Grand Lodge was outbid and the property was sold for $4,000 to two members of the newly formed religious body called Universal Baptists (Universalists), who, on January 16, 1786, united in a deed of trust, in which they declared that they held the property for the sole use of the above society. Henceforth the old Lodge House in a single decade passed successively from (Modern) Lodge House to Quaker prison, army hospital, hall of Grand Lodge (Ancients) and lastly it became the first church of the Universalist Society. Here preached the two Winchesters—"Hell fire" and Moses—Rev. John Murray, the celebrated Dr. Priestly and others. Mrs. Mary Ellet, a daughter of Israel Israel, who was an active member of this religious movement, describes the interior which had been the meeting room of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Brethren upon vacating the Lodge having removed all furnishings:

"It was a rough unsightly structure, the room large and unfinished, the only furniture was common wooden benches, on each side of the aisle leading to the primitive pulpit, an unsightly box, surrounded with benches, on which sat the elders of the church. Later

Fourth and Fifth Streets, at Nine o'clock in the Morning and proceeded from thence at Half past Eleven o'clock in the following Order, (to wit)

the old lodge house was purchased by the Pennsylvania Bank, who used it as a banking house until the new marble bank on second Street was finished, when the old Lodge House of 1755 was razed, and the lot became part of the park in the rear of the bank.—Mrs. Ellet's "Recollections."

The following interesting personal description was found among the manuscripts in the Historical Society:

"*George Richards.*—The Reverend Gentleman was short in stature, of a square build, and a somewhat bulky person, with a dark coarse skin, short black hair, and decidedly florid complexion. The cerebral portion of his head was well developed—his forehead, broad and high—had a perpendicular aspect. His movements were slow and deliberate. His countenance, when in repose, had a pensive, absorbed rather melancholy expression, but it soon became lighted up, and full of animation, when he engaged in conversation, especially on subjects in which he was much interested—religion, politics, and masonry—in which latter he took a very deep interest—holding the Office of G. Chaplain and Lecturer, under the appointment of G. M. James Milnor, of the G. Lodge, A. Y. M. of Pennsylvania—then a distinguished member of the Philadelphia Bar, and subsequently a clergyman of the Protestant Church (Episcopal), having up to his death the pastorage of the leading Episcopal Church of New York. Great intimacy and reciprocal esteem existed between the latter gentleman and Mr. Richards.

"Mr. R. was very near sighted but wore no glasses. His sermons were always carefully written out in full, and then committed to memory—thus he was enabled to deliver them without any reference to the manuscript—thus giving to them all the force and elegance of extemporaneous productions.

"Mr. R. was a profound classical scholar, while he was intimately conversant with standard English Literature.

"He was of an essentially poetic temperament; and hence felt an especial fondness for the ancient Hebrew poems, which constitute so large a portion of the contents of the 'Old Testament.' The real grandeur of these he was better prepared to apreciate from being able to read them in the original, using the pronunciation current among the best German Hebriasts."

1. Two Tylers with drawn Swords.
2. Music.
3. Two brethren with Wands.
4. Master Masons Two and Two.
5. A Tyler with drawn Sword.
6. Two Brethren with Wands.
7. Secretaries and Treasurers Two and Two.
8. Two Brethren with Wands.
9. Past Masters Two and Two.
10. Two Brethren with Wands.
11. Wardens of Lodges Two and Two.
12. Two Brethren with Wands.
13. Masters of Lodges Two and Two.
14. Grand Tyler with drawn Sword.
15. Four Past Masters carrying the Lodge, covered with white Satin.
16. Two Past Masters carrying Silver Pitchers, containing Wine and Oil.
17. Past Masters carrying a Silver Pitcher, containing Corn.
18. Members of the Hall Committee Two and Two with White Wands.
19. Architect carrying Square, Level and plumb rule, with the Book of Architecture.
20. The First Light carried by the Master of a Lodge.
21. Past Grand Sword bearer with a drawn Sword.
22. Past Master, carrying the Bible, Square and Compass, on a Velvet Cushion supported by Two Past Masters.
23. Grand Chaplain.
24. Grand Secretary with the Bag.
25. Grand Treasurer with the staff.
26. The Second Light, carried by the Master of a Lodge.
27. Past Junior Grand Wardens.

28. Past Senior Grand Wardens.
29. Past Deputy Grand Masters.
30. Past Grand Masters.
31. The Third Light, carried by the Master of a Lodge.
32. Junior Grand Warden having the Junior Grand Warden Elect at his left Hand.
33. Senior Grand Warden having the Senior Grand Warden Elect at his left Hand.
24. Past Master carrying the Book of Constitutions.
35. Grand Sword bearer carrying the Sword of State.
36. Deputy Grand Master having the Deputy Grand Master Elect at his left Hand.
37. Grand Master, supported by the Grand Master Elect at his left Hand and Bro^r^. John Beatty, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master of New Jersey at his Right Hand.
38. Grand Deacons with Wands.
39. Grand Pursuivant with drawn Sword.

When the Procession reached the Building the Brethren halted, opened their ranks and the R. W. Grand Master attended by the R. W. Bro^r^. Beatty, Grand Master of New Jersey and followed by the Grand Officers and a very considerable Number of Brethren were received in the outer Apartment under a display of Music. On the Grand Master reaching Solomon's Chair the present Grand Officers took their Seats and the Elect and Past Grand Officers, the Reverend Brethren, Members of the Hall Committee and other Brethren repaired to the seats prepared for them. The Grand Master being proclaimed, the Music performed a Grand piece till all the Members were seated. The Lodge was then placed in the Centre of the Hall and the Three Lights with the Three Silver Pitchers containing Corn, Wine and Oil were placed thereon. The Bible, Square, Compasses and Book of Constitutions on a Crimson Velvet Cushion being placed on the Pedestal an

Anthem was sung. The Grand Master Ordered the Lodge to be Tyled.

The following Lodges were represented, Viz:

N°. 2, Joseph Burden, Mr.,[3] Thomas Tatem, S. W.; 3, 9, 14, 19, 21, 41, 45, 46, 47, 50, 51, 52, 59, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 76, 77, 87, 91, being Twenty Four Lodges.

The Lodge was then uncovered and Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form, when the Grand Master having mentioned to the Brethren that he was informed the Venerable and Reverend Bro^r. William Smith, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain and Past Grand Secretary, had composed a Prayer appropriate to the Day the said Brother Smith with the Concurrence of the Rev^d. Brother John Andrews, D.D., Grand Chaplain, delivered his prayer to the general satisfaction of the Brethren.

The Grand Secretary intimated the Architect's desire to return the implements entrusted to his Care. Whereupon, Brother Jackson, the Architect, addressed the Grand Master who expressed his high satisfaction at the completion of the Hall and commanded the Grand Wardens to receive back the implements which was complyed with and they were laid on the Lodge.

The Grand Secretary then informed the Grand Master that it was the desire of the Society to have the Hall dedicated to Masonry, on which the Grand Master commanded his Officers to Assist in that pleasing Ceremony, the Music mean while playing. The Grand Officers then walked round the Lodge

[3] Joseph Burden, a cabinet and chair maker, became a Mason August 10, 1795. He was W. M. 1803, J. G. W. 1809–1810–1811, S. G. W. 1812 and 1813, Treasurer 1809 to 1825, and Member of Lodge No. 2 for forty-five years when he died, May, 1840. His son, Dr. Jesse R. Burden, was made a Master Mason, March, 1820. He was a well-known physician and for some years a member of the Legislature. A grandson, Jesse R. Burden, Jr., was made a Master Mason in March, 1864.

Three different Times stopping each Time for the Ceremony of dedication. At the end of the First Procession, the Music being silent, the Grand Master strewing Corn over the Lodge declared in solemn form the Hall dedicated to *Masonry,* which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary the Grand Honours were given. At the end of the Second Procession, the Music being silent, the Grand Master pouring Wine over the Lodge declared in solemn form the Hall dedicated to *Virtue* and *Science,* which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary the Grand Honours were given as before. At the end of the Third Procession, the Music being silent, the Grand Master pouring Oil on the Lodge in solemn form declared the Hall dedicated to *Universal Charity* and *Benevolence* which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary the Grand Honours were given as before. A Grand Anthem adopted to the occasion set to Music by Bro^r^. Reinagle was sung by Bro^rs^. Reinagle, Wood and Fox, and

The Grand Master returned to Solomon's Chair under the acclamations of the Brethren and the Music performing "When Earths Foundation first was laid, &c."

The Grand Master was then pleased to deliver an Affectionate Address which was received by the Brethren with the most lively tokens of Gratitude and Acknowledgement and their Approbation was testified in the usual Form.

The Ceremony of Dedication being compleated, so much of the Minutes of the 6th Instant as relates to the Election of Grand Officers was read. Whereupon, the Grand Master Ordered Bro^r^. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Past Grand Secretary, a very Ancient and expert Mason, to proceed to the Installation of the Grand Officers elect, and accordingly

The R. W. Bro^r^. Israel Israel, Esqr., was installed Grand

Master, invested, proclaimed and saluted according to Ancient Form.

The R. W. Bro^{r}. John Armantiere Monges, M. D., D. G. M.

The R. W. Bro^{r}. Ebenezer Ferguson, Esqr., S. G. W.

The R. W. Bro^{r} George Adam Baker, Esqr., Grand Secretary.

The Junior Grand Warden and Grand Treasurer elect not attending, their installation was postponed till the next Communication.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved Unanimously, that the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the R. W. Bro^{r}. Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esqr., late Grand Master for his affectionate, instructing and Brotherly address and that it is their desire he would be pleased to deliver a Copy of the same to be entered on the Minutes for the instruction of the Brethren. His Worship was pleased to promise the requested Copy.

Resolved, that the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the Venerable and Reverend Bro^{r}. William Smith, D.D., for his appropriate prayer, also to the Reverend Brethren of the Clergy who have assisted in the Duties of the Day, and to Bro^{r}. Reinagle, Wood and Fox who assisted so essentially in the service of the Day as well as to the Members of the Hall Committee for their great Assiduity and Zeal in the business committed to their care.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania impressed with a grateful sense of the long assiduous and highly useful labours of their late R. W. Grand Master, Bro^{r} Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esqr., previous to and during his service in the high Station which he has left.

Resolved Unanimously, That as a further Testimony of the Affection, regard and Veneration of this Grand Lodge for

Our said Brother Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esquire, he be presented with a Past Grand Masters Jewell of Gold.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

CONTINUATION OF MINUTES OF LODGE NO. 2.

January 10, 1803.—Stated Lodge. Present 14 members & 4 Visitors. Balance in Treasurer's hand $57.58. Bros Kane and Farr were appointed Stewards.

A Petition was Presented and read from the widow of our late Br Francis Mason stating her Situation of being left with 3 small Children and requesting such assistance as this lodge shall see fit to grant her —whereon, *Resolved,* that a Committee be appointed and twenty Dollars placed in their hands for that purpose.

A Petition was presented and read from Br. Adam Hoover late Member of this lodge, stating his unfortunate Situation in having his house and furniture Interely Consumed by fire during his absence from home and his wife and Children no place left to put their heads—now request assistance of this Lodge, whereon *Resolved* that a Committee be appointed and ten Dollars in their hands for his use. Referred to the same Committee.

February 14, 1803.—Stated Lodge. Present 17 members and 7 Visitors.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Adam Hoover, *Report* that they found him in Distress and Granted him ten Dollars.

The Committee to whom was refered the Petition of the widow Mason *Report* that they had found her in Distress and had granted her twenty Dollars

A Petition was received and read from a Br. Tackholm Setting forth his distressed Situation and requesting such relief as they shall see fit. A Committee was appointed of Br^{s}. Pullen, Phillips and Burden, and ten Dollars placed in their hands for that purpose.

"On motion made and seconded Resolved, That a further loan of 100 Dollars be granted to the Grand Lodge which was agreed to and an Order drawn on the Treasurer for the same."

February 28, 1803.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 14 members and 4 Visitors.

The Petition of John Hamilton a P. M. of No 42 State of New-York Stating his Situation and requesting such relief as to enable him to proceed home to his Family. It was moved and seconded that three Dollars be granted for the purpose of Defraying part of his Expenses, and Br Pullen was requested to pay the same.

A Dispensation was presented and read from the R. W. G. Master authorising and empowring us to pass to the Degree of the Chair Br. Ro^{bt}. Allen a member of our Lodge.

A past Masters' Lodge was opened and B^{r} Robt. Allen was Passed to the Degree of the Chair in ancient form.

"It was moved and seconded that there be a few pages left in the Treasurer's Book for the insertion of those names in Large Characters, who have made private subscription to the Building and that Bros Burden and Tatem be a committee for that purpose."

March 14, 1803.—Stated Lodge. Present 19 members and 4 Visitors. "A complaint was presented from Lodge No 71 against Bro Wm. Allen for improper conduct in said Lodge, a committee was appointed viz, the three Officers of the Lodge to meet either Lodge No 71 or a Committee of it to investigate the business and report thereon"—"Resolved That Five Dollars out of every Initiation Fee be paid to the Treasurer of the Building Committee and that the same be a Donation."

"On motion made and seconded Resolved That the Initiation Fees of this Lodge be raised from 25 Dolls to 30 Dollars, ordered to lie over for discussion the usual time."

Steward's Tyler's Bills were read amounting to $11.93 and ordered to be paid.

March 14, 1803.—Stated Lodge. Present 19 members and 4 visitors.

Bro Stafford was examined in Open Lodge and found worthy to be passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. "It was moved and seconded that Bro Marshall be authorized to procure 2 Doz plain Aprons for the use of the Lodge

Bros Ennis & Quinn recommended to Pass the Chair

March 28, 1803.—Stated Lodge. Present 14 members & 4 Visitors "A Recomendatory Letter was received and read from the Grand Secretary to pay over that part of the Initiation Fees which may be appropriated by the Lodge to the Treasurer of the Building Committee" "A Letter was received from the Grand Secretary enforming the Lodge that there is one Jno Chapman making application thro the City and is a worthless character"

Bro Stafford was examined in Open Lodge on the two degrees that he had taken and was found worthy to be Raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason—time not permitting it was postponed till next meeting" Lodge closed at 10 o'clock in Harmony.

April 11, 1803.—Stated Lodge. Present 14 members & 5 Visitors. " A Dispensation was received and read from the R. W. G. M. empowering us to Enter Pass & Raise to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason John Collyer, a Mariner which was agreed to."

"The Committee to whom was referred the complaint from No 71 against Bro Wm Allen of this Lodge: Report that they believe it was not done with an intent to insult the Grand Officers but to stop the Brethren from clapping longer than usual, that it was not a *hiss* but a *hush*"

"On motion made and seconded; Resolved, That

a Fine of Two Dolls be attached to the office of Secretary for not writing notices for stated and extra nights ordered to lie over for discussion for 3 nights

April 16, 1803.—Extra Lodge. Present 8 members, Bro Quin, passed to the Chair in Ancient form. Lodge closed at 7 O'Clock

April 16, 1803.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 8 members, 3 Raised

May 9, 1803.—Stated Lodge. Present 17 members & 2 Visitors.

A Communication was Received and read from the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge Containing a list of Expulsions and Rejections from the Different lodges under their jurisdiction, together with a list of Expulsions and Rejections communicated by other Grand Lodges

A Petition was received and read from a Br *Rene,* Gatier a M. Mason praying relief, whereon a Committee of Br^s^. Burden, Rayner and Phillips was appointed and ten Dollars placed in their Hands for his relief as they Shall see fit.

"A motion was made seconded and agreed to 'That Bros Pullen & Burden be a Committee to receive from the Grand Lodge a Certificate for the amount of the sum loaned by this Lodge to the Grand Lodge and that the same be deposited with the Treasurer.'

"The Resolve that lay over on our Books was taken up, on raising the Initiation Fee, on the sense of the Lodge being taken it was negatived

May 13, 1803.—Extra Lodge. Present 12 members & 1 Visitor A Dispensation was read to E. P. & R. Jno. Lancaster which was acted upon

June 13, 1803.—Stated Lodge. Present 16 members "On motion made and seconded Resolved That Bro. Casper Graff be exonerated from all his dues except his Grand Lodge Dues for the service he renders this Lodge; agreed to." Election. Thos Tatem W M Thos Raynor S W Wm Farr J. W. Jno Phillips Secty and Robert Pullen—Treas^r The W. M. appointed Bro Jasper Carter S D. S. W. appointed Bro Stephen Clayton J D Bro Schneider was reappointed Tyler "Bros Marshall and Kane were appointed Stewards for the ensuing six months which was agreed to"

A Petition was received from Rachel Mooney praying relief was read referred to a Committee of Br^s. Burden, Pullen and Farr, and ten Dollars placed in their hands for her use if they see fit.

A petition from Sarah Corson widow of Jacob Corson praying Relief was read, the same Committee was appointed with the power of Granting her a sum not exceeding twenty Dollars as they shall see fit

A Bill from Br Marshall for 2 doz. Aprons amounting to Six Pounds was ordered to be paid.

A Bill from Br McLaughlin for printing Notices and bye-laws amounting to 19 Dollars ordered to be paid.

A Resolve was presented and read, ordered to lie

over for discussion (viz:) That if any member of this lodge should be reported as a Gambler, that a Committee should be appointed to Enquire into the facts and should this be against such member, he shall be Suspended for 6 months and if he continues in that practise on a second report of the same in like Manner being against him, he Shall be Excluded this Lodge and never again admitted a member thereof.

The Lodge adjourned till Saturday the 18 inst at 5 o'clock in the evening.

June 18, 1803.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 6 members & 1 visitor. They met for the Special purpose of installing the Officers for the ensuing six months, the whole not attending it was postponed till to morning at 6 o'clock.

June 19, 1803.—Adjourned Lodge. 6 a. m. Present 5 members & 2 Visitors. Officers elect duly installed. Lodge closed at 9 o'clock.

July 11, 1803.—Stated Lodge. Present 13 members & 4 Visitors. Balance in Treasurers hands $49.48 with the Loan granted to Grand Lodge amounting in the whole to $399.48

The Committee to whom was reffered the petition of the widow Corson, Reported that they found her in Distress and granted her 20 Dollars

August 8, 1803.—Stated Lodge. Present 11 members & 5 Visitors.

September 12, 1803.—Stated Lodge. Present 12 members

John Rain who was Suspended for three months agreable to the 6th Sect. of our bye Laws on Feby 28 by the latter part of the same law, was totally Excluded from this lodge and never more to be admitted a member.

On motion made and seconded that the Lodge do proceed to Lectuer which was agreed to and Br Phillip was requested to give the lectuer. Accordingly Br Phillips went thro' the first Lectuer.

October 10, 1803.—Stated Lodge. Present 11 members & 3 Visitors

Daniel B. Otto who was balloted for on the Eleventh of July, but not having it in his power to come forward during his Stay in the City; However he has notwithstanding Paid his Iniation fee to the Worshipfull Master, which has been by him paid over into the hands of the Treasurer; as will appear by his books.

November 14, 1803.—Stated Lodge. Present 17 members & 3 Visitors "Wm Brown Knowles whose Petition had lain on the Books since October 12th 1801 and a Committee appointed but never had reported; on motion the same Committee was requested to make the necessary enquiries and report the same on Saturday the 19 inst," Lodge adjourned till Saturday evening 6 o'clock

November 19, 1803.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 14 members & 3 Visitors

W B Knowles elected & received the Entered Apprentice Degree

A petition was received from *Nicholas Neyl* praying assistance; It was moved and Seconded that his petition be returned him; *Agreed to.*

November 28, 1803.—Extra Lodge. Present 13 members & 3 Visitors.

December 12, 1803.—Stated Lodge. Present 18 members & 7 Visitors. Election Thos Raynor W M, J Carter S W Quin J W Jno Kane Secty Robt Pullen Treas^r^ "The following Resolve was submitted to the Lodge as a Bye Law in these words Resolved That the Secretary of Lodge No 2 received for his Services the sum of Twenty Dollars per annum with this proviso that for non attendance to perform the duties of the same either on Stated or Extra nights the sum of One Dollar be deducted for every such non attendance" Officers elect were then duly installed

Applications 7 Approved 8 Affiliations 2 Withdrawals 3 Expelled 1 Dispensation 2

January 9, 1804.—Stated Lodge. Present 10 members and 1 visitor Balance in Treasurer's hands $66.17 and $350. loaned to the Grand Lodge Moved and seconded to amend the Resolutions laid on the Table on the 12th ultimo by inserting after the words non attendance on the 6th line the following words "Except in case of necessity." Bro S Clayton appointed S. D.—Bro O'Brian, J. D. Bro. Maquire M. C.—Bro Phelps & Marshall Stewards

February 13, 1804.—Stated Lodge. Present 24 members & 3 Visitors.

The Petition of Peter Grant was read praying to be initiated into the Mysteries of Free Masonry & a Committee appointed to make the necessary Enquiries consisting of Neil, Wymar & Pullen.

The Petition of Margaretta Hall was read praying for relief & a Committee appointed for the purpose of relieving if found in necessity, Consisting of Brothers R. Allen, Pullen & Burden with Power to give Eight Dollars.

The Petition of Adam Keyser was read praying for relief & a Committee appointed for that purpose Consisting of Brothers Nield, Wimar and Pullen, with power to give five Dollars if found in want.

"A Resolution laid on the Table by Bros Marshall & Phillips purporting to empower them to procure refreshments for the Lodge to the amount of Twelve Dollars ordered to lie over the usual time"

March 12, 1804.—Stated Lodge. Present 19 members & 7 Visitors

The Petition of Fanny Littlewood praying for relief was read, and a Committee app[d]. for that purpose of Brothers Pullen, Burden & the Worshipful Master, & Twenty Dollars Lodged in their hands for that purpose.

The Petition of James Murtaugh praying for relief was read, But having died some days previous to our stated meeting, it was moved & seconded that his

widow be relieved with 25 Dollars, and a Committee appointed for that purpose.

March 27, 1804.—Extra Lodge. Present 13 members & 1 Visitor.

Brother Noble Luke Usher was Examined in open Lodge & found worthy to be passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft.

March 30, 1804.—Present 7 members Bro Wm Warren Passed to the Chair

April 9, 1804.—Present 22 members & 2 Visitors. The following communication from the Grand Lodge was read.

"At a Grand Quarterly Communication held at Philadelphia on Monday the 5th day of December A L 5803 in Ample form.

"The Grand Lodge proceeded to an Election for Officers for the ensuing year and Bro Israel Israel Esq late High Sheriff of the City and County of Philada was reelected R W Grand Master

"Bro James Milnor Esq Attorney and Counsellor at Law, was elected R W Deputy Grand Master

"Bro Ebenezer Ferguson Esq a Justice of the Peace for the County of Philadelphia was Reelected R W Senior Grand Warden

"Bro Robert Pullen, Silver Plater was reelected R W Junior Grand Warden

"Bro George A. Baker, Treasurer of the City of Philadelphia was reelected R W Grand Secretary.

"Bro Gaven Hamilton, Merchant was reelected Grand Treasurer."

Brothers Tedball, Meguire & Neild returned, and gave thanks and received a Lecture in the first Degree of Masonry.

The Petition of Catharine Frank was read praying for relief. Also the Petition of Jane Camphell was read praying for relief and a Committee app[d]. of Brs. O'Brien W[m] Allen & Carter, and ten Dollars Lodged in their hand for that purpose.

The Petition of Brother John Johnson was read praying for relief. Moved & seconded that the Worshipful Master be Empowered to give him five Dollars. Agreed to.

Provincial Grand Lodge in the Island of Saint Domingo mentioned

May 14, 1804.—Stated Lodge. Present 16 members & 6 Visitors.

The Petition of William Daly, praying for relief was read & a Committee appointed to write to New York in respect to his standing there, of Brothers Pullen, Philips & Tatem and ten Dollars placed in their hands for that purpose.

The Pêtition of Chedal was read praying for relief Moved & Seconded that Brother Treasurer be Empowered to give him ten Dollars. Carried in the affirmitive.

May 19, 1804.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 11 members

Monday, May 28, 1804.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 14 members

June 11, 1804.—Stated Lodge. Present 16 members & 2 Visitors "The Resolution which was laid on the Table on our Stated Meeting of February 13th 1804 for the augmentation of Four Dollars for refreshment was taken up and finally agreed to" Election Bro Rainer W M Carter S W S Clayton J. W. Kean Secty R Pullen Treasr Bros Farr & Tatem were appointed Stewards Bro Schneider was reappointed Tyler

The Lodge called from Labour to refreshment for a short space of time.

"Adjourned until Sunday Morning next at Six o'clock"

June 17, 1804.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 9 members Officers Installed Bros O Brian appointed S. D. & Grant, J. D, Lodge closed at 7 a. m.

July 9, 1804.—Stated Lodge. Present 15 members & 1 visitor Balance in Treasurers hand $199.96½ besides $350. loaned to the Grand Lodge on Interest

The Petition of Mary Gatier praying for Relief was read & a Committee apptd. of Brothers Rayner, Pullen & Clayton, with power to give 10 Dollars. Also of Samuel Simpson praying relief; moved and seconded that he have leave to withdraw his petition. Carried in the affirmative. Also of S. M. Marks praying relief, & the former Committee appointed for that purpose empowered to give 5 Dollars.

July 23, 1804.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 16 members

August 13, 1804.—Stated Lodge. Present 17 members & 6 Visitors.

September 10, 1804.—Stated Lodge. Present 18 members & 2 Visitors Moved and seconded that one thousand notices be procured for the use of the Lodge" Resolved the words "a plain white apron be struck out of the 7th Section of our Bye laws

The Committee appointed on the Petition of Samuel McClemons reported unfavorably of him, was balloted for and rejected, there appearing nine Black Balls against him and was consequently rejected.

September 24, 1804.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 13 members & 2 Visitors

October 8, 1804.—Present 19 members & 6 Visitors adjourned to the 5th Monday

October 22, 1804.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 13 members & 6 Visitors

November 12, 1804.—Stated Lodge. Present 26 members & 4 Visitors

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Character of Wm. Diffibach reported unfavorable of him, was Balloted for and rejected, there being Eleven Black Balls against him.

Israel Israel Esq. R. W. G. M. was announced & the usual Ceremonies were performed towards him & and took a seat as Past Master.

The Petition of Benjamin Kann was read praying

relief moved and seconded that a Committee be appointed with power to give Five Dollars, of Br^s^. P. Meguire, W^m^. Allen & Leese. Also one from Martha Walker praying relief and 10 Dollars placed in a Committee's hands for that purpose.

November 21, 1804.—Extra Lodge. Present 9 members

A Dispensation from the R. W. G. M. was read Empowering Lodge No 2 To Enter, Pass & Raise to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason, Michael Graham, Mariner, he not having it in his power to wait the usual time required by our Bye Laws, on which acct. the Lodge was called.

Master Masons Lodge closed & a Past Master's opened. A Dispensation from the R. W. G. M. was read empowering No. 2 to pass to the degree of the Chair Brother John Floyd, agreed to. Brother Jno. Floyd being in waiting was brought forward and passed to the degree of the Chair, And saluted as such in ancient form.

November 20, 1804.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 12 members & 5 Visitors

An Entered Apprentices' Lodge was open in due form & the minutes of the last stated & Extra meetings were read.

December 10, 1804.—Stated Lodge. Present 24 members. R. W. G. M. visited—Election, Bros. Thos Rayner, W. M.—Jasper Carter, S. W.—Stephen Clayton, J. W.—John Phillips, Sect'y—Robert Pullen,

Treas^{r}. Bro O, Brian was appointed by W. M. S. D. & Bro Grant, was appointed by S. W. Junior Deacon Bros Crossman & DeSilver Stewards, "Moved and seconded that the Members of Lodge No 2 dine together on St John's day next, agreed to Moved and seconded that Fifty Dolls be appropriated for that purpose agreed to" Moved and seconded that a Committee of 3 be appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the Dinner, agreed to Committee Bros Pullen, Burden & Phillips.

December 12, 1804.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 5 members & 5 Visitors including R. W. G. M. Israel.

Officers Installed—Applications, 25. Approved, 22. Dispensation, 1. Rejected, 3. Affiliations, 2. Withdrawals, 2.

January 14, 1805.—Stated Lodge. Present 17 members & 3, Visitors. Balance in Treasurer's hands $371.51 and a loan to Grand Lodge of $350. Total assets $721.51

A petition was presented and read from the widow McFee late a member of this Lodge requesting assistance, a Committee was appointed of Bro^{s}. Marshall, Farr and W^{m}. Maguire and fifteen Dollars placed in their hands for that purpose, to grant her such relief as may appear to them necessary.

The Delinquent Members of this Lodge was taken up. Brs. Wister & Moser was on Motion Made and Seconded laid over for further Consideration.

Benjn. Hall was Expelled from our Lodge agreable to the bye-Laws for non-Payment of Dues.

A Petition was received and read from Elizth. Hall requesting assistance, it was moved and Seconded that 20 Doll. be placed in the hand of a Committee of Bro^{s}. Pullen, Phillips & Clayton. agreed to.

February 11, 1805.—Stated Lodge. Present 24 members & 10 Visitors & P G M Smith

The Petition of Robt. Orr of No. 59 was Received and read requesting relief of this lodge, a Committee was appointed of Br^{s}. W^{m}. Allen, Winter & Philip Maguire and ten Dollars placed in their hands to grant him as they saw relief. Also a petition from Catharine Kuhn widow of M. Kuhn Esqu^{r} deceased requesting relief. Also one from Mary Mason, widow of Francis Mason, late a member of this Lodge, for Relief, these cases referred to separate Committees and amounts of 8 and 10 Dollars placed in their hands for that purpose.

March 11, 1805.—Present 19 members, "Captn Drevis requested the Lodge to grant him a Certificate for the purpose of travelling, he having been shipwrecked had lost the one he held with all his property, On motion made and seconded Resolved That Bros Pullen Burden & Phillips be a Committee to procure a Grand Lodge Certificate and present the same to Captain Drevis at the expense of the Lodge, owing to his late misfortunes."

Sunday Morning, April 7, 1805.—Extra Lodge. Present 5 members & 1 visitor

"This Lodge was called on purpose to initiate Daniel B Otto who was ballotted for July 11th 1803 and paid his Initiation Fee"

He being in waiting was brought forward and Initiated into the first degree of Masonry in antient form. Returned and gave thanks and received their usual Instructions.

April 8, 1805.—Stated Lodge. Present 15 members & 2 Visitors. "Resolution of March 14th 1803 Donating Five Dolls out of every Initiation Fee was rescinded

A Petition was received and read from Br Robt. Taylor late a member of No. 9 Requesting assistance, also one from Br. Casper Graff, a member of this lodge, also one from Sarah Cox, widow of Captn. Cox, late a member of No. 51, each was referred to a separate Committee and relief placed in their hands to give as they shall see fit

The Committee appointed on the Petition of the widow Kenny *Report* that they found her in Distress and granted her ten Dollars.

May 13, 1805.—Stated Lodge. Present 25 members & 15 Visitors. "A communication was received from the R. W. G. L containing a list of the Officers of the G. L. for the present year with an account of the Expulsion and Rejection from the different Lodges under this Jurisdiction also from

the Grand Lodge of England and Ireland and the different States of the Union, ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Lodge" The R W G M was announced with his Officers to pay their Annual Grand visit to Lodge No 2 they were received with the Ancient Ceremonies"

"The Grand Master having taken the Chair, requested his Officers to take their places which being done, his G Secty was requested to examine the minutes of this Lodge which he did from the commencement of 1803 and reported that they were all kept in a regular manner excepting one instance, which was the rejection of a person to be initiated on one evening and reconsidering and rescinding it with a less number present than at the rejection. The Grand Master returned his thanks to Lodge No. 2 for their regularity in their proceedings, hoped they would continue to perserve in the grand object of improvement in Masonic disquisition he took notice of the Report of the Secty on ye the Rejection &c declared it unmasonic, hoped for the future they would be more guarded" "Lodge closed in form with a prayer by the Right Worshipful Grand Master at half past 10 o'clock"

June 10, 1805.—Stated Lodge. Present 28 members Election—Jasper Carter, W. M. Stephen Clayton, S. W.—John O'Brian, J. W. Jno. Phillips Secty & Robt Pullen Treas^r^ "Bro Pullen made a report of a deficiency on the Dinner on St John's day, re-

ferred to the Committee of Accounts" "Lodge adjourned until 3rd Wednesday 5 o'clock"

June 19, 1805.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 7 members & 2 Visitors. Officers Installed. W. M. appointed Bro. Grant, S. D. Bro. Desilver, J. D. Br. Schnyder Tyler Bros Crossman and Raynor Stewards

July 8, 1805.—Stated Lodge. Present 20 members & 7 Visitors "The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer; Report that they have attended to that duty and find the same correct and that there remains in the hands of the Treasurer $308.17 a Note of Valentine Bear for $20 and Loan to the Grand Lodge $350. Total $678.17" (signed) Jasper Carter W M Stephen Clayton S W Jno O Brian J W"

The Committee on the widow Pitcher *Report* that they found her an object worthy of relief and granted her the ten Dollars.

July 22, 1805.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 13 members & 5 Visitors.

August 12, 1805.—Stated Lodge. Present 17 members & 3 Visitors.

September 9, 1805.—Stated Lodge. Present 13 members & 2 Visitors.

A Petition was Presented and read from Br. Henry Wister requesting the Lodge to take his Case into Consideration and to forgive him half his dues he being willing to pay the remainder, on which a Committee was appointed of Bro^s^. Phillips Desilver and

Crossman to Enquire into the merits of his Case and to report the same. A Petition was presented from a Br. Chas. Monagany requesting assistance, after some Discussion, he had leave to withdraw his Petition.

"On motion made and seconded Resolved that should the prevailing disease continue that the Master be empowered to dispense with the next Stated Meeting which was agreed to"

November 11, 1805.—Stated Lodge. Present 20 members & 10 Visitors

Visitors—Br. Lindsey, No. 67; Br. Stoane, No. 59; Br. Wm. Smith, Robt. Welford, Capt. Huggins, Jno. Reynolds, Temple Lodge, Albany; Robt. Allen, C. Collins, Peter A. Brown, Hans Brown, No. 19.

The Committee to whom was refered the Petition of John Cluley *Report,* that they had attended to that duty and find him worthy to become a Member of Lodge No. 2 he was balloted for and unanimously Elected.

A Petition was received from Br Robt. Allen late a member of this Lodge requesting to be again admitted a member

The Petition of David Thomas requesting assistance was read and a Committee of Bros. Crossman, Pullen & Raynor were Appointed and ten Dollars placed in their hands to give as they may see fit. It was moved and seconded that a pair of Drawers

for the Preparing room be provided, which was agreed to.

December 8, 1805.—Stated Lodge. Present 26 members & 4 Visitors. Election Bro. Stephen Clayton, W. M.—Jno O'Brian, S. W.—P Grant, J. W. J. Carter, Secty. Robt Pullen, Treas^{r}. "Resolved That the Secty Salary be advanced to $50. per annum and that the Bye Law now in force be rescinded; ordered to lie on the Books for discussion the usual time"

Committee appointed on the petition of Br W^{m}. Smith *Report* that they have made the necessary enquiries and find him worthy to become a member of Lodge No. 2. He was unanimously elected.

Committee appointed on the petition of Robt. Allen *Report* that they have made the necessary enquiries and find him worthy to become a member of Lodge No. 2. He was unanimously elected.

A Petition was Presented and read from Sarah Reiley widow of John Reiley, late member of this Lodge, requesting assistance, which was referred to a Committee of Br^{s}. Burden, Ennis and Pullen, and 20 Dollars placed in their hands to relieve her as they shall see fit.

Adjourned to the Fourth Monday

December 23, 1805.—Stated Lodge. Present 9 members Officers Installed W M appointed Bro. De Silver, S. D. Wm Maguire, J. D. & Stewards & Tyler were continued"

Applications 11—Approved 8 Not acted on 3 Affiliations 4 Expulsion 1 Withdrawal 2 Re admitted 1—

January 13, 1806.—Stated Lodge. Present 19 members Balance in Treasurer's hands $359.19 besides the sum loaned to the Grand Lodge. 50 White & 25 Black Balls were ordered to be purchased for use of the Lodge.

It was moved and seconded the Delinquent Members should be served with a Special Notice that are in arrears more than $2.

February 10, 1806.—Stated Lodge. "Resolved that Elijah Batiss be Expelled this Lodge and never more be admitted a member he having been tried at Court held in this City and convicted of causing the death of his wife"

"Resolved That the Secretarys salary be continued as before at $20. per annum.

February 18, 1806.—Adjourned Meeting. Present 8 members

March 10, 1806.—Stated Meeting. "Resolved That Sec 12" in the Book of By Laws be expunged and the following be inserted viz the sum which may be expended on each Stated Meeting night for Refreshments shall not exceed 16 Dolls" ordered to lay over the usual time for discussion.

A Complaint was made by B^r^. Pullen against the Masonic Conduct of B^r^ Hayden. On motion Resolved

that a Comity of five members be Apointed to Examin into the same and report the next stated night.

On Sunday, March 16, 1806, there passed to the Grand Lodge above Brother Thomas Proctor, who had been one of the most active and honored Brethren in this Jurisdiction. For many years he was one of the most prominent members of Lodge No. 2, as appears from our minutes, as well as in the Military Lodge attached to his regiment of artillery during the Revolutionary War, also of the Grand Lodge and the Lodge warranted at Philadelphia in 1787 under the number of the old regimental Lodge No. 19.

Colonel Proctor resigned from the army April 9, 1781. The acceptance of his resignation was accompanied by a personal letter of regret from Washington.[4]

During the next twenty-five years of his life Colonel Proctor was an active public servant as well as Freemason. The closing years of his life were harassed with financial and legal troubles, owing to his stubborn temper.

He died at his home in Arch Street, No. —, between Fourth and Fifth, and was buried at three o'clock on the following Tuesday afternoon, with military and Masonic honors, in the ground surrounding St. Paul's P. E. Church, Third Street below Walnut.

[4] Cf. *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography,* Vol. IV., pp. 454 et seq.

March 24, 1806.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 14 members

The meeting of this Lodge being Called for the purpose of taking up the delinquent members Accounts it was moved and seconded that Br^{s}. Buddy, Adam Hoover, Biglow, Mosser, G. Thompson and Egelston be struck off the list of members for non-payment of Dues.

Moved and seconded that B^{r}. Robinson be Indulged for 6 months to pay up his Dues and B^{r}. Pullen to Call on him for his note for that time for the amount of his arrearages.

Also that B^{r}. Able be indulged for 6 months; B^{rs}. Linch and Capt. Phillips lay over; B^{r} Stones lay over to the next stated night. B^{r}. Boyd be indulged for 6 months; B^{r}. Van Dyke Moore lay over until next stated night; B^{r}. Stafford lay over; B^{r}. Pullen be appointed to call on B^{r}. Weeks for the amount of his dues. Reported that Capt. Tidball is dead. Moved & seconded B^{r}. Elly's dues lay over, and B^{r}. Desilver be appointed to call on him for his arrearages; B^{r}. O'Brien appointed to call on B^{r}. Phillip Maguire for Darbey McDonah's dues; B^{r}. Pullen appointed to call on B^{r}. Duey for the amount of his dues; B^{r}. W^{m}. Allen appointed to call on B^{r}. Stone for his dues. B^{rs}. Stanley, Weacock, Knowles, Grayham and Usher lay over. B^{r} Able appointed to call on B^{r}. Biglow for the amount of his dues; B^{r}. Kane is answerable for B^{r}. Tatem's dues.

A petition was presented from a Widow Hoffman and read praying for Relief, it was moved and seconded that 8 dollars be placed in the hands of a Comity to give her if found worthy.

April 14, 1806.—Stated Meeting. Present 24 members. "A Petition was presented and read from Bro Robinson praying a loan from this Lodge" "A Petition of the same nature from Bro Carter was also received" On motion being made and seconded that this Lodge do agree to lend out a loan upon Interest secured by Bond & Mortgage on good free hold estate" A Committee was also appointed to inquire what security could be given, the Committee consisted of Bros Rayner, Pullen, Burden, O Brien & Phillips. Amendment to By Laws (see March 10) was adopted.

May 12, 1806.—Stated Meeting. Present 22 members The Committee reported that the security offered by Bro —— "Was a lot of ground with two frame Tenements on the end of said lot, subject to a Ground Rent of $30 per annum—Bro Carters is 4–2 story Brick Houses and lot of ground which rent for $373.32 per annum—Report was laid over until next Stated Meeting.

Moved and seconded that a 1000 Notices be procured by the Secretary for the use of this Lodge, which was carried.

June 9, 1806.—Stated Meeting. Present 29 members "A Petition was presented and received from

Lodge 91 praying of this Lodge to grant them our fourth Monday in every month to their use and in lieu therof they agree to transfer their 3rd Saturday to the use of Lodge No 2, it was debated on and agreed to."

A Bill was presented and read from Br. Carter to the amt. of 12 Dollars for 1000 printed notices for the use of Lodge No. 2. Ordered to lay over until next stated night.

Election, O'Brian, W. M. Grant, S. W. Thos. DeSilver, J. W. Jasper Carter, Secty. Pullen, Treasr. "Lodge adjourned until the Third Saturday for the purpose of installing their Officers."

June 26, 1806.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 7 members & 4 Visitors. Officers Installed Appointments, Wm. Maquire, S. D.—Clewley, J. D. Towell & Peplow Stewards, Schneider Tyler

July 14, 1806.—Stated Night. Present 22 members "A Letter of thanks was presented and read from Lodge No 91" Balance in Treasury $478.18

"Resolved That a Committee of Br Pullen Raynor & Robt Allen be appointed to Examine the Grand Secty account and report thereon" A Committee was appointed to Bros Robt Allen, Thos DeSilver Clewly Shillingford, and Grant to inquire what security could be given for a loan of 300 Dolls to be put out on Interest for one year"

August 11, 1806.—Stated Night. "It was moved and seconded that all the papers belonging to Bro

Robinson's Mortgage be deposited in the Treasurer's hands, the Committee having reported that they had loaned him $300. Bro Robinson's letter was read regretting that he was unable to attend the Lodge to return thanks personally.

September 8, 1806.—Stated Lodge. Present 16 members "It was moved that the Book of By Laws be read in open Lodge which was accordingly done.

The Committy to whom was apointed to Releave Br Graff Report that they have Granted him the sum placed in theare hands.

October 13, 1806.—Stated Meeting. Present 15 members

A petition was read from a Br. Neury praying Releif. A Comity was apointed of Brothers Grant, De Silver & Marshall & $15 placed in theare hand to Releave him if found worthy.

A petition was read from Br Mathews praying Relief. A Comity was appointed of Brothers Pullen, Marshall & Carter, and Six Dollars placed in theare hands to Releave him if found worthy

November 10, 1806.—Stated Meeting. Present 21 members

The Commity to whom was apointed to Releave Br Newry Reported thay found him worthy and Releaved him with fifteen Dollars.

A Petition was presented & read from a Br. McKinny Beging Relief. A Commity was apointed of Brrs. Burden, Phillips & Meguire, and Ten Dollars

placed in theare hands to Releave him if found worthy.

December 8, 1806.—Stated Night. Present 20 members "Bro O'Brian petitioned this Lodge to recommend him to become a member of the Royal Arch Chapter which was granted"

B^r Carter petitioned this Lodge to recommend him to become a member of the R. Arch Chapter which was granted.

A Commity was apointed to Enquire into the Distresst situation of the Widdow Graff, and $10 placed in theare hands to Releave her if found worthy. Commity consisting of B^r Rayner, Phillips & Collings.

Election,—O'Brien, W. M.—Grant, S. W.—DeSilver, J. W.—John Phillips, Secty.—Pullen, Treasurer.

December 20, 1806.—Adjourned Meeting. Present 6 members Officers Installed. Wm. Meguire, S. D. —Clewly, J. D.—Crossman & Shelmerdine, Stewards & Schneider, Tyler

Work for Year 1806.—Petitions Received 4 Approved 4 E A degree conferred on 4, F C on 4 M M on 4 admitted 1, Withdrawn 8

January 10, 1807.—Stated Lodge. Present 26 members & 10 Visiting Brethern

Visitors:—B^rs. Cook, Salem, Smith, McCullough, No 91, Welford, do; Bonneurè, No 3; Jourdan, No 3; Allcorn, No 59; A. Douglass, No 19; McCurdy, No. 9; Hennessy, No. 91:

A petition was Presented from Catherine Dove, Praying reliefe of this Lodge, a Committee was ap-

pointed of Brs. Wm. Allen, Burden and Kane, and ten Dollars placed in their hands.

A Petition was Presented from Ann Clotworthy Praying reliefe was read, and a Committee of Brs. Wm. Allen, Thos. Marshall & Wm. Farr, and ten Dollars placed in their hands for her purpose.

"The Committee on the settlement of the Books belonging to the Secretary and Treasurer begs leave to report, that they have carefully examined the same and find them correct and that there remains in the hands of the Treasr, a balance of 170.50/100 Dollars which with $300 on Loan make the whole 470.50/100 Dolls, funds of the Lodge."

"The G. M. of the State of Pennsylvania with his Officers paid a Grand visitation to this Lodge with a committee appointed by ye Grand Chapter of Brs John Uhle & Charles Cummins."

"R. W. G. M. delivered an appropriate discourse, after which he proceeded to give a Lecture on the first degree of Masonry"

February 9, 1807.—Stated Lodge. Present 15 members and 3 Visitors.

A Petition was received and read from Sarah Riley widow of John Riley late member of this Lodge requesting relief. A Committee of Brs. Ennis, Powel and Peplow was appointed, and twenty Dollars placed in their hands for her Reliefe.

A Petition was presented from Mary Mason reguesting reliefe was read, a Committee was appointed

of B^rs^. Pullen, Rayner and Phillips, and Twenty Dollars placed in their hands to Grant as they may see fit.

B^rs^. Graves and Ellis Petitioned the Lodge to recommend them to the Grand Master for a Dispensation to Pass the Chair which was agreed to.

B^r^. Capt. John Phillips Returned the Certificate of B^r^. Van Dyke Moore who Dyed in the East Indies, which was ordered to be Destroyed.

Committee to whom was Refered the Petition of the Widow Graff, report that they have attended to that duty and relieved her with twenty Dollars.

Committee to whom was refered the Petition of the Widow Dove, Report that they have attended to that duty and Granted her ten Dollars.

March 9, 1807.—Stated Lodge. Present 18 members and 3 Visitors 12 aprons were ordered.

The Committee on the Petition of the Widow Mason, Report that they had found her in distress, and had purchased her some wood and gave her the remainder in money amounting in the whole to twenty Dollars.

B^r^. Pullen Stated the distressed situation of B^r^. Jno. Able, a Member of this Lodge, whereon a Committee was appointed and Twenty Dollars Placed in their hands for that Purpose (viz.) B^rs^. Shillingford, Shermerdine and Cluey. On Motion made and Seconded it was *Resolved* that B^r^. Able's Dues be

Exonerated up to St. John's Day last, which was agreed to.

A Letter was Presented by Br Pullen from the Junior Grand Warden stating that the Petitioner was a Widow Robinson, who wished some assisstance from this Lodge, after some Discussion it was thought by the Lodge that she was not in Such distressed Situation as to require any assistance at Present.

April 13, 1807.—Stated Lodge. Present 12 members and 8 Visitors.

The Committee on the Petition of the Widow Riley made a report that they had Relieved her with *ten Dollars,* and had returned the other ten which were in their hands to the Treasr.

A Letter was received and read from Br. Adam Duey Requesting Leave to withdraw from this Lodge which was granted to him on his paying up his dues.

"The Annual Communication from R. W. G. L. was read and ordered to be deposited with the Archives of this Lodge"

May 11, 1807.—Stated Lodge. Present 20 members & 6 Visitors. Bill for 1 Doz Aprons $8.00 was paid.

The Committee to whom was refered the Petition of John Able, *Reported* that they had waited on Br. Able and found him in Great Distress and relieved him with $20 which was placed in their hands for that Purpose.

May 16, 1807.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 9 members & 1 Visitor

June 8, 1807.—Stated Lodge. Present 18 members & 12 Visitors. "A Resolve was presented and read to rescind the Resolve of Dec 11th 1803 and the old one to continue which was ordered to lie over for discussion the usual time" Election Peter Grant, W. M.—Thos. Desilver, S. W.—Wm. McGuire, J. W. —John Phillips, Secty.—Robt Pullen Treasr.

June 20, 1807.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 6 members & 2 Visitors Officers Installed W. M. appointed Bro. Clewly, S. D.—Junior, D. was referred to the S. W, Bros Crossman and Shelmerdine, Stewards & Br Schneider, Tyler

July 13, 1807.—Stated Lodge. Present 14 members & 6 Visitors.

A Petition was received from John Lockman praying some reliefe from this Lodge, which was refered to a Committee of Brs. Pullen, O'Brien and Phillips and that ten Dollars be placed in their hands to relieve him as they see fit.

It was moved and seconded that a Committee be appointed to Call on those Members who had withdrawn for their respective Ballances due this lodge when Brs. Wm. McGuire and De Silver was appointed for that purpose.

Bal. in Treasurers hands $203.59½ together with loan of $300 and Interest makes $521.59½

August 10, 1807.—Stated Lodge. Present 15 mem-

bers & 5 Visitors. "Bro Grant W. M. requested the Lodge to grant him leave to travel further which was agreed to"

"The Resolve of June 8. Respecting the Secretary's Salary was taken up and acted upon and was rejected"

A Petition was presented and read from Mary Vanbrust, widow of Isaac Vanbrust, a Member of Your Society, a Committee of B^{rs}. Rayner, De Silver and W^{m}. Allen were appointed, and ten Dollars placed in their hands to relieve her as they shall see proper.

A Petition was received and read from M^{rs}. Spinacuta, widow of A. B. Spinacuta, formerly a Member of your Lodge, a Committee of B^{rs}. Cluley, McGuire & Schermardine, and that $20 be placed in their hand for her use.

A Committee was appointed (on a Statement made to the Lodge of B^{r}. John Kane who was deranged and Cnfiend in the Alms-House) to enquire into the Situation of his family, and ten Dollars be placed in the hands of the said Committee (viz.) B^{rs}. Pullen, De Silver and Maguire.

The Secretary was requested to procure 1 doz Books of Constitution for the use of the Lodge.

August 19, 1807.—Present 3 members & 5 Visitors.

This Lodge met by virtue of a Dispensation from the Right Worshipful Grand Master which was read, empowering us to Pass to the Degree of the Chair, B^{r}. John Lancaster agreeable to the Recommendation

of the Lodge. B^{r}. John Lancaster was passed to the Degree of the Chair in ancient form.

August 24, 1807, 2 p. m.—Extra Lodge. Present 9 members & 7 Visitors

September 14, 1807.—Stated Lodge. Present 21 members & 8 Visitors.

A Report of the Committee on the Petition of the widow Spinacuta, Reported that they had relieved her with twenty Dollars placed in their hands for that purpose.

The petition of the widow Novick requesting assistance was read, and it was moved and Seconded that Eight Dollars be placed in the hands of the Committee (viz.) B^{rs}. Pullen, Phillips and Cluley.

The petition of the widow Marriner requesting assistance was read, on motion made and seconded the same Committee was appointed, and ten Dollars placed in their hands for that purpose.

A Petition was received from Robt. McCune, and a Committee was appointed and 10 Dollars placed in their hands (viz.) McGuire, Collins & De Silver.

Committee Report on B^{r} Lockman y^{t}. they had give him 5 Doll. & Ret^{d}. 5 to the treasurer. Committee on Mrs. Kane Returned the order drawn in her favor not being in want at Present.

October 12, 1807.—Stated Lodge. Present 13 members & 7 Visitors

The Committee appointed on the Petition of the widows Nowick & Mariner Reported that they had

waited upon them and found them in Distress, and relieved them with the sums Granted by the Lodge.

The Committee appointed on the Petition of Robt. McKane *Report* that they found him in Distress and relieved him with the ten Dollars placed in their Hands.

A Petition was received and read from a B^{r}. Jeremia Da Silva and a Committee of B^{rs}. Rayner, O'Brien and McGuire was appointed and ten Dollars placed in their hands for that purpose, to relieve him as they shall see fit.

November 9, 1807.—Stated Lodge. Present 18 members & 5 Visitors

B^{r}. W^{m}. Arrowsmith requested the Lodge to recommend him to the Grand Lodge in order to obtain a Dispensation to pass the Chair to be further advanced in Masonry which was agreed to.

No business of importance appearing before the Lodge, a motion was made and seconded that the By Laws should be read for the information of the Members which was agreed to" "The by laws was then read"

December 14, 1807.—Stated Lodge. Present 18 members & 6 Visitors

The Lodge being Called on again from Refreshment to Labour they proceed to the Election of their officers for the ensuing six Months from St. John's Day next. On Counting the ballots the following brethren were Declared Duly Elected (viz.) B^{rs}. Peter

Grant, W. M.; Thos. De Silver, S. W.; W^{m}. McGuire, J. W.; Robt. Pullen, Treas.; John Phillips, Sec^{y}.

December 19, 1807.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 5 members & 4 Visitors Officers Installed

Work for Year 1807.—Applications 8 Approved 6,—Dispensation E. P. & R 2 E. A. 3.—F. C. 3.—M. M. 2.—Admitted, 6.—Withdrawn, 2.

January 11, 1808.—Stated Lodge. Present 27 members & 3 Visitors. Balance in Treas^{r} hands $197.98 cts & $300 on Mtge Total $497.98

February 8, 1808.—Stated Lodge. Present 25 members & 7 Visitors. "The Grand Master of the State of Pennsylvania with his Grand Officers paid their Annual Grand Visitation to this Lodge with a Committee of Brothers Cummins and Henessy from the Grand Royal Chapter. The Grand Master and his Officers having taken the Chair, he called the attention of the Lodge; and delivered an appropriate discourse on their labours, and a request to continue.

March 14, 1808.—Stated Lodge. Present 19 members and 8 visitors "Bro O'Brien informed the Lodge of the death of Bro Lawrence Maher in the West Indies about two months since."

A Petition was received and read from Mary Owen widow of Geo^{r}. Owen (Mariner deceased stating her distressed situation and requesting assistance; a Committee was appointed of Brs. Burden, Pullen and Rayner and ten Dollars placed in their hand for to give as they shall see fit.

The Committee appointed on the widow Kenny, Beg leave to *Report,* that they had found her in distress and had relieved her with ten Dollars placed in their hands for that purpose.

The Commiteee to whom was refered the Petition of Peter Wiendjard *report,* that they found him in distress and relieved him with the ten Dollars Placed in their Hands for that purpose.

"The Report of the Grand Secretary to the R. W. G. M. of the transactions of Lodge No 2 since the last Grand Visitation in January 1807 was received and read, and ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Lodge"

April 11, 1808.—Stated Lodge. Present 21 members and 9 visitors

The Committee to whom was refered the petition of *Mary Owen report* that they have attended to that Duty and had relieved her with the ten Dollars placed in their hands for that purpose.

A Petition was received from the widow of Jn°. Cope, late a Member of this lodge, stating her distresed Situation and requesting relief, a Committee was appointed of Br. Lancaster, Reisch, and Bringhurst and ten Dollars placed in their hands for her relief.

May 9, 1808.—Stated Lodge. Present 19 members and 14 visitors

The Committee appointed on the widow Cope report that they have made the necessary enquires and

found her in distress and relieved her with the ten Dollars placed in their hands for that purpose.

May 21, 1808.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 10 members and 2 visitors "It was moved and seconded that the Committee on the loan of money to Bro Robinson be disired to attend the sale of property on which the mortgage is given and bid for it to y^e^ amount of mortgage and expenses"

A Petition was received from Br W^m^. Franklin praying for relief when Eight Dollars was placed in the hands of a Committee of B^r^. Pullen, McGuire & De Silver to relieve him.

A Petition was received from a Br. Jos. Chambers praying reliefe when $5 was placed in the hands of a Committee of McGuire, Bringhurst & Towel for his reliefe.

May 24, 1808.—Extra Lodge. Present 5 members "The Lodge was convened by virtue of a dispensation from the R. W. G. M. to enter pass and raise Joseph M Turner"

June 13, 1808.—Stated Lodge. Present 23 members and 6 Visitors.

The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment for a Short Space of time. The Lodge was Called from Refreshment to labor. This being Election night, the lodge proceeded to the election of their officers for the ensuing six months on Counting the Ballots the following Brethren were duly Elected:

Brs. Thos. Rayner, W. M.—Wm. Meguire, S. W.—

John Cluley, J. W. Robt. Pullen, Treas. John Phillips, Sect'y.

June 18, 1808.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 9 members & 4 Visitors. Officers Installed.

"The Secretary having informed the Lodge that the Summon's were all finished, he was ordered to procure 1000 copies printed"

Bro Fletcher appointed S. D. Bringhurst, J. D. Bros Reich & Douglass; Stewards & Wm Schneider Tyler

July 11, 1808.—Stated Lodge. Present 24 members & 5 visitors Balance in Treasurer's hands $220.03 "The Committee to whom was intrusted the loan of $300. beg leave to report, that they have attended to that duty as they were requested and herewith return the amount to the Lodge as per statement annexed by their Attorney

Robert Pullen, Thos DeSilver, Peter Grant, John Cluly and James Shillingford vs Rudeman Robinson

Real Debt		$300.—
Int from August 7 1807		16.20
Sales .46 cts Lev Facias 1.20 Atty Writ $5.		6.66
		$322.86
Cash paid Attorney	$5.	
do Lev Fa	1.20	
" Sales	.46	
" Atty Writ	5.	11.66
Balance		$311.20

This is the just balance, to which should be added the amount of One year's Interest paid by the Committee to the Lodge''

''The Committee to whom were intrusted the loan of the monies was continued (with the appointment of Br Burden in the place of Bro DeSilver withdrawn) when a motion was made and seconded that the monies returned be loaned to Bro John Towell and the Committee have power to draw on the Treasurer for $300 whenever they were satisfied with the security offered which was agreed to'' Bro Phillips presented a Bill for Six Mos Salary $10.—'' ''Adjourned till Wednesday 4 o'clock p m''

The Committee to whom was refered the petition of Jo^s^. H. Turner, *Report* that they have made the necessary enquires and find him worthy to become a member of Lodge No 2, he was ballotted for and duly Elected a member of this Lodge.

Fellow Crafts Lodge closed and the Entered Apprentice's opened. The Committee to whom was refered the petition of B^r^. Thomas, *Report,* that they have attended to that Duty and had relieved him with five dollars placed in their hands for that purpose.

July 13, 1808.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 11 members and 2 visitors

The lodge was called for the express purpose of Passing and raising B^r^. W^m^. Warner, he being about to travel, which was agreed to.

August 8, 1808.—Stated Lodge. Present 23 members & 5 visitors

The Annual Communication from the R. W. G. L. was read.

Together with the Charge Delivered before the different lodges in this City by the Right Worshipfull Grand Master of the State of Pennsylvania.

September 12, 1808.—Stated Lodge. Present 21 members and 6 visitors

"The Committee to whom was referred the Loan, report, that they do not feel fully satisfied with the security, have thought proper to decline the loan."

"It was moved and seconded that a Committee be appointed to meet the Committee of the Grand Lodge to settle the dues of this Lodge and that the said Committee have power to draw on the Treasurer for the same which was agreed to" "Committee Bros Burden Phillips and O Brien"

October 10, 1808.—Stated Lodge. Present 20 members

A Petition was received from Derrick Hartman a member of this lodge requesting reliefe was read and referred to a Committee, and ten Dollars placed in their hands to grant as they shall see fit. It was moved and seconded that the Secr^y^. notify every delinquent member to come forward on the next Stated meeting to settle up their respective Dues to this lodge, which was agreed to.

A request was made by B^r^. Burden in Behalf of

the widow of the late B^r^. Graff for assistance, which was referred to a Committee of B^rs^. Grant Meguire & Douglas, and ten Dollars placed in their hands to grant as they shall see fit.

November 14, 1808.—Stated Lodge. Present 18 members & 9 visitors

The Petition of Derrick Hartman Reffered to a Committee Report that they have attended and granted him the ten Dollars placed in their hands for that purpose.

A Petition was received and read from Eliz^h^. Hall requesting assistance was read and a Committee was appointed of B^rs^. Pullen, Burden & Grant and ten Dollars placed in their hands for that purpose to give as they shall see fit.

The Committee to whom was refered the Petition of the widow Graff, *Report,* that they have attended to that Duty and beliving her to be in distress granted her *five* Dollars. Returned the other *five* to the Treasurer.

A Petition was received from M^rs^ MaGee requesting Assistance which was refered to a Committee of B^rs^. Burden Grant and Towel and twenty Dollars placed in ther hands to Grant as they Shall see fit.

December 12, 1808.—Stated Lodge. Present 22 members & 11 visitors

The Lodge was Called of from Labour to Refreshment for a short space of time. The lodge was Called from Refreshment to Labour.

This being Election night the Lodge Proceeded to the Election of their officers for the ensuing Six months. On Counting the Ballotts the following Brethren were Declared Duly Elected.

Bro. Thos Raynor, W. M.—Wm. Meguire, S. W.—Jno. Cluley, J. W. Jn°. Phillips, Secty.—Jos. Burden, Treas^r. "A charge was presented but not read against Bro Wm Allen a Committee was appointed of Bros. Burden, Phillips Douglass Meguire and Cluley" Lodge adjourned at 9 oclock to Saturday 17 inst

December 17, 1808.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 6 members Officers Installed. Appointments Bro. Fletcher, S. D.—Bringhurst, J. D. by the S. W, Bros. Reisch and Douglass, Stewards. Wm. Schneider, Tyler.

Applications 7—Approved 8 Entered 6 Crafted 7 Raised 6 Dispensation to E P & R 1 Withdrawals 4

January 9, 1809.—Stated Lodge. Present 19 members and 6 Visitors. Balance in Treasurer's hands $210.38. "The Committee to whom was referred the charge against Wm Allen Report, that they have attended to that duty and are of opinion that he should be expelled this Lodge, which was agreed to"

The Entered Apprentice lodge was opened in due form and the meetings of the last Stated and adjourned nights were read. A Petition was received and read from the widow Lowe requesting assistance.

A Committee was appointed of B^rs^. Fletcher, O'Brien and Meguire and Eight Dollars placed placed in their Hands for that purpose.

A Petition was received and read from a Col^l^ Henry Shrupp a late member of No. 19 Requesting Assistance, a Committee was appointed of Bringhust, Shermandine and Fearon, and ten Dollars placed in their hands to give as they shall see fit

It was moved and Seconded that a Committee be appointed to enquire what, if any, amendments or alterations in necessary in the bye-laws of this lodge (viz) B^rs^. Burden Phillips, Meguire, Cluley & Wallington.

The Sec^ry^. presented his bill for ½ year salary $10 and 2.50 for special notices. Stewards Bill was read and ordered to be paid amounting to $20.40.

February 13, 1809.—Stated Lodge. Present 25 members & 4 Visitors

"A Committee was appointed of Brs Phillips, O Brien, Maguire and Cluley to enquire into a charge of Bro Reisch against John G. Bringhurst, and report thereon."

The Committee appointed on the petition of the widow Low. Report, that they have attended to that duty and Granted her five Dollars, returned the other three to the Lodge

The Committee appointed on B^r^. Shrupp. Report that they have attended to that duty and found him

in Great Distress, and granted him the ten Dollars placed in their hands for that purpose.

A Motion was made & seconded in favor of the widow Graff, to grant her five Dollars which was agreed to the same placed in the hands of the former Committee.

A Petition was received from the widow of Alex^{r} Morrison late a member of this Lodge Stating her Distressed Situation and requesting assistance, a Committee was appointed of B^{rs}. Wallington, South and Fletcher and 20 Dollars placed in their hand to grant as they shall see fit

B^{r} Meguire one of the Committee appointed on M^{rs}. Gifford Reported verbally that they had Granted her five Dollars and that he has now returned the other five to the Lodge.

"The Grand Officers of the State of Penn^{a} was announced as being in waiting by the Grand Pursuivant, to pay their annual visitation to this Lodge, and were received with the usual ceremonies. The R. W. G. M. having taken his seat in the chair, and the other officers their respective seats, the Grand Sect'y made the following report: that he has attended to that duty and fined that the Members present at the Stated Meetings, have been from 18 to 24 and also a number of visitors: that it does not appear by the minutes that all brethern, not P. M. had withdrawn previous to the Installation of the W. M. in June and December: that the minutes of

the 12th of December says that, a charge was presented, but not read, against Bro Wm Allen, and a Committee was appointed. On the 9th January said Committee, Reported that they had attended to that duty and were of opinion that he should be expelled the Lodge which was agreed to; from the said minutes it does not appear what the charge was, what the proceedings of the Committee were, nor that he had a regular hearing. That so far as can be judged from the minutes it appears that all the labours of the said Lodge No 2 except as above stated, have been conducted with regularity and perfectly consistent with the Ancient Landmarks, All which is respectfully submitted. Geo. A. Baker, Gr'd Secty. The R. W. G. M. made a few remarks on the above report and hoped those small errors would be attended to, After which he delivered an appropriate discourse on Masonry and for the conduct of the Brethern in General, to which the W. M. in behalf of the Lodge returned him his sincere thanks for his well timed advice and for the charge which he had delivered.

March 13, 1809.—Stated Lodge. Present 11 members and 1 visitor—The Committee to whom was referred the complaint of Bro Reisch against Bro Bringhurst, Report that they have attended to that duty and having heard both parties are of opinion after mature deliberation that Bro Reisch having taken the law into his own hands previous to his

submitting it to this Lodge, that we have no further control over it, which report was approved of."

A Petition was received from Sarah Cox widow of Capt. John Cox Deceased requesting relief was read and refered to a Committee of B^{rs}. Burden, Meguire and Phillips and ten Dollars placed in their hands to Grant as they shall see fit.

April 10, 1809.—Stated Lodge. Present 19 members and 2 Visitors.

A Petition was received from G. A. Baker Junr requesting to be Initiated in the mysteries of free Masonry. A Committee was appointed of B^{rs}. Burden, Meguire & Cluley to Investigate his character and report thereon the next stated night.

The Committee appointed to relief M^{rs}. Gifford Report that they had Granted her five Dollars and returned the Lodge five. the same as verbally reported Feb. 9th.

The W. Master informed the Lodge that the Committee appointed Feb. 13th 1809 on the Petition of the widow Morrison, Report, that B^{rs}. Wallington and South produced him a receipt from Mrs. Morrison for the twenty Dollars, which they had Paid her having found her worthy.

The Committee on the widow Cox, Report having found her worthy.

May 8, 1809.—Stated Lodge. Present 16 members & 7 Visitors

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition

of Geo. A. Baker Junr. Report favorably, he was ballotted and unanimously approved of. He being in waiting was brought forward and Initiated into the first degre of Masonry in Ancient form. Returned and gave thanks and received the usual Instructions.

A Petition was received and read from Obadia Newcomb a Master Mason Stating his distressed Situation, he being by trade a Carpenter fell from a building at which he was at work in March Last, and not being able to walk since. A Committee was appointed of Brs. Maguire, Fletcher and Douglas and 15 Dollars placed in their Hands to relieve as they shall see fit.

"A Bill was received from the Gr'd Secty, containing the amount of the G. L. dues from Dec 27th

1807 to Decr 27th 1808 amounting to	$59.80
Rent of the Room, fire wood & furniture	40.
	$98.80

June 12, 1809.—Stated Lodge. Present 17 members Election, Wm Maguire, W. M.—Jno. Cluley, S. W.—Fletcher J. W. Jno. Phillips, Sect'y. & Jos. Burden Treas^{r}. adjourned to the 3rd Saturday.

The Lodge was called off from labor to refreshment for the space of ten minutes. The Lodge was again Called on from Rrefreshment to Labour, this being Election night, the Lodge Preceeded to the Election of officers for the ensuing six months. on Counting

the ballots the following brethren were Declared to be duly Elected.

June 17, 1809.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 9 members & 1 Visitor, Officers Installed Bro Douglass appointed S. D.—Fearon J. D.—Reisch & Carr, Stewards and Wm. Schneider, Tyler.

"A Petition was received and read from J. D. Hauteval, praying relief leave was granted to withdraw his petition as he was found to be an Imposter or worse, and that the same be communicated to the Grand Lodge—agreed to.

July 10, 1809.—Stated Lodge. Present 15 members & 4 Visitors. Balance in Treasurers hands $31.55. "A Letter was received and read from the New Hall Committee accompanied with a resolution of the Grand Lodge, and is in the words following (viz) Resolved that the New Hall Committee be instructed to call on the different Lodges and request to collect from their different Members the amount of their subscription. Whereon Brs. Burden and Phillips were appointed to collect the same."

Br. Baker being in waiting was brought forward and raised to the Sublime Degree of a M. M. Returned and gave thanks and received a lecture on that Degree.

The Committee to whom was refered the revisal of the Bye laws Stated that they were ready to report. Ordered to lie over

A petition was Presented and read from Martha Ellis widow of Capt Ellis late a member of this lodge, a Committee was appointed of B^{rs}. Burden, Douglas and Cluley and ten Dollars placed in their hands for that purpose.

August 14, 1809.—Stated Lodge. Present 10 members & 3 visitors

B^{r}. Phillips Presented a Bill for one Dozen Books of Constitution and Six Months salary which was ordered to be paid $18.

September 11, 1809.—Stated Lodge. Present 16 members & 8 visitors

We the Committee appointed by lodge No 2 to Enquire into the Situation of M^{rs}. Ellis report that we granted her the sum of Eight Dollars and returned to the Lodge $2.

A Petition was received and read from B^{r} Thos. Vassault formerly a Member of this Lodge Stating his Distressed Situation and requesting their assistance, a Committee were appointed of B^{rs}. Burden, Douglass and Meguire and $20 placed in their hands to relive as they shall see fit

A Petition was presented and read from Hannah Cope widow of John Cope late a Member of this lodge stating her Distressed Situation, a Committee was appointed of B^{rs}. Reisch, Baker and Winmer and ten Dollars placed in their hands for that purpose.

A Petition was read from Thos. McReynolds Stating

his Distressed Situation when a Committee of B^rs^. Pullen, Eardly & Fletcher were appointed to enquire into his Situation and report the next Stated night.

Adjourned to 16 inst

September 16, 1809.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 14 members.

The Lodge Proceeded on the Business of the Delinquent Members B^rs^. M. Brown, E. W. Brown and Bringhurst were ordered to lay over

On motion made and seconded it was resolved that B^rs^. John Warr and Henry Wister be struck of the List of Members agreable to the bye Laws; and the Sec^ry^. to give them notice thereof

B^rs^. Winter and Leese requested Leave to withdraw from this Lodge on the Payment up of their Lodge Dues, which was agreed to.

October 9, 1809.—Stated Night. Present 12 members & 8 visitors

The Committee on the Petition of John Willbank, *Report,* that were not thoroughly satisfied and requested to be Continued and two more were added to the Committee (viz) B^r^ Burden & Douglass.

The Committee on the Petition of B^r^. Thos. Vassault, Report, that they had attended to that Duty and had Loaned him twenty Dollars

The Committee appointed to Enquire into the Situation of B^r^. Reynolds Report that we have attended to that duty and think him an object of Charity, and

recommend to the Lodge to Grant him some Reliefe. On motion it was agreed that five Dollars be placed in the hands of the same Committee for his use.

"It was moved and seconded that a Committee be appointed to inquire and report what regulations would be necessary for the distribution of Charity to those who do not belong to any of our regular Lodges, whereon the following were appointed for that purpose (viz) Bro G A Baker Sr., Phillips, Cluley, OBrien & Fletcher

November 13, 1809.—Stated Lodge. Present 17 members & 5 visitors

"50 copies of an address delivered before the different Lodges in this City by the R. W. G. M. at his annual visitation was received from the Grd Secty for the use of the members of this Lodge"

November 18, 1809.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 11 members & 6 visitors

Entered Apprentice Lodge Closed and a fellow Craft opened when B^rs^. Irwin and Burroughes were severally Examined in open Lodge and found worthy to be raised.

December 11, 1809.—Stated Night. Present 20 members & 5 visitors

The Lodge Called from Refreshment to labour and Proceeded to the Election of their officers for the Ensuing six months on counting of the Ballots the following Brethren were Declared to be duly Elected.

Jno. Cluley, W. M.—Jno. Douglas, S. W.—Norris. Stanley,[5] J. W.—Jos. Burden, Treas.—Jno. Phillips, Sect'y. Adjourned to 16th inst.

December 16, 1809.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 13 members & 2 Visitors Installation of Officers. Appointments, Brs. Fearon, S. D.—Shelmerdine & Carr Stewards Schneider, Tyler. S. W. appointed Bro. Burroughes, J. D.

[5] Norris Stanley was born November 10, 1765. In early life he followed the sea and was Captain of clipper ships trading principally to Liverpool with occasional trips to the West Indies. He subsequently owned vessels himself and became a well-known merchant of Philadelphia and an associate of Stephen Girard, William Cummings, Commodore Bainbridge, Israel Israel, Mayor Wharton, Commodore Thomas Barry, Captain Thomas Hayes of John Moss's ship "Tontine," Captain Patrick Hayes and many other well-known Philadelphians. He took a great interest in Masonry and Lodge No. 2, but did not care to become Master although he was Junior Warden, December 11, 1809, and Senior Master of Ceremonies, December 18, 1816. He had many strong positive qualities and interesting stories are related of him. He was wealthy for his times and generous to the poor and distressed, especially Masons. For over twenty years it was his custom to ascertain from the Committee on Charity who were in need and what the Lodge had given. He would then himself call on the beneficiary and give a like amount, saying: "You must not mention this. If you do I will never give you a d— cent again." He told Wm. Cummings, Master of Lodge No. 2, in 1837, 1838 and 1839: "Billy, I am getting old, and as Master if you know of members of No. 2 and their families in want come to me and I will contribute, but I don't want you to tell"; which promise he kept literally. He died in his eighty-sixth year at his residence, No. 9 Pine Street above Front Street, in 1851, and was buried in his vault in St. Paul's P. E. Church yard. He had been a member of St. Paul's Vestry for many years. By his will registered in Will Book 27, p. 1, at Philadelphia, he appointed his friends, William Cummings and Horace Binney, Jr., executors. He remembered in a substantial way many charities.

1765—NORRIS STANLEY—1851

FROM MINATURE IN POSSESSION OF HIS NAMESAKE, NORRIS STANLEY BARRATT

Applications 9—Approved 8 E A 7 F C 6 Raised 5 Withdrawn 6 Expelled 1—Admitted 1 Passed to the Chair 1

January 8, 1810.—Stated Lodge. Present 20 members & 7 visitors Balance in the hands of Treasurer $104.34

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of M^rs^. Brown, Report that they have attended to that Duty and are of opinion that she stands in need of assistance, on motion made and seconded and agreed that Eight Dollars be placed in y^e^ hands of B^rs^. Douglass, Meguire & Stanley for her use.

A Petition was Presented and read from Capt John Christie requesting reliefe it was moved and seconded that ten Dollars be placed in the Hand of a Committee of B^rs^. Meguire, Stanley & O'Brien for that purpose.

A Petition was presented from Sarah Cox praying Reliefe, it was moved and seconded that five Dollars be placed in the hands of B^rs^. Burden, Phillips and Meguire for her use.

B^rs^ Cluley, W. M. and Burroughes requested the Lodge to Grant them Leave to be Passed the Chair and be further advanced, which was agreed to.

A Petition was received and read from M^rs^. Morrison widow of Alex^r^. Morrison formerly a member of this Lodge stating her Distressed Situation on motion made and seconded that 10 Dollars be placed in the Hands of B^rs^. Meguire, Douglass & Stanley for her Relief which was agreed to.

A Petition was presented from Ann Burns, widow of Jn° Burns late member of Lodge No 9 stating her Distressed Situation and requesting relief, a Committee was appointed of B^rs^. Baker Junr. Irving & Carr to Enquire into her Situation and report thereon.

January 11, 1810.—Special Lodge. 2 p m Present 12 members Bros. Hamilton and Wiltbank Raised

January 17, 1810.—Special Lodge. 4½ p m Present 6 members

A Master Masons Lodge was opened this Lodge being called for the purpose of Passing to the Chair B^r^. W^m^. Hamilton by virtue of a Dispensation from the R. W. G. Master for that purpose which was agreed. There being none but past Masters Present B^r^. W^m^. Hamilton was past to the Degree of the Chair and saluted as such in ancient form. Lodge closed at six o'clock.

January 20, 1810.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 13 members & 9 visitors

The Committee appointed on M^rs^. Burn's Situation, Report, that they had performed that Duty and found her in a Distressed Situation and worthy of being Relieved, on motion made seconded & agreed to a Committee were appointed of B^rs^. Baker Junr., Irvin and E. W. Carr and five Dollars placed in their Hands for her use.

A Petition was received from a B^r^. W^m^. Topham requesting reliefe was read, on motion made seconded

and agreed to a Committee was appointed of B^rs^. Wilbank, Carr and Hamilton and five Dollars placed in their Hands for that Purpose if found worthy.

B^r^. Douglass requested leave of the Lodge to recommend him to the Grand Lodge for a Dispensation to Pass the Chair in order to be further advanced in Masonry which was Granted him

February 12, 1810.—Stated Lodge. 22 members present & 3 visitors

The Committee on the Petition of B^r^. Topham M^rs^. Morrison and M^rs^. Byrne reported that they had relieved them with the sums granted by the Lodge.

The Committee on the Petitions of M^rs^. Brown & B^r^. Christie report that they had Granted Part of what was Granted by the Lodge and returned five Dollars to the Lodge.

A Petition was received from Mary Mason widow of Francis Mason late a Member of this Lodge was read a Committee was appointed of B^rs^. Maguire, Burden and Stanley and ten Dollars placed in their hands for that purpose.

February 14, 1810.—Special Lodge. Present 13 members & 1 visitor.

A Dispensation was received from the Right Worshipful Grand Master authorizing this Lodge to Enter, Pass and Raise Basil Perateau, Mariner, to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, he being in waiting was Introduced and initiated to the first degree of Masonry in Ancient form.

February 20, 1810.—Extra Meeting. Present 7 members. Bros. Reisch & Douglass, Passed to the Chair

They were both saluted with the accustomed Honors.

March 12, 1810.—Stated Lodge. Present 21 members & 11 visitors.

The Committee appointed on the Petition of the widow Graff. Report, that they have attended to that Duty and Granted her ten Dolls.

The Committee appointed to Grant reliefe to the widow Mason, *Report* that they Granted her ten Dollars which was placed in their hands for that purpose

The Committee appointed on M^rs^. Gallaher, Report, that they have attended to that Duty and Granted her five Dollars.

A Petition was Presented from Brother Adam Dickey (Mariner) of Richmond in Virginia stating his Distressed Situation & requesting some reliefe. It was moved and seconded that ten Dollars be placed in the hands of a Committee to Inquire into his Situation & Grant him as they shall see fit. a Committee of B^rs^. Able, Bringhurst & Irving.

A Petition was received and read from Bridget Corry requesting reliefe, a Committee were appointed of B^rs^. Shelmardine Carr and G. A. Baker Junr. and five Dollars placed in their Hands for that purpose, also one from Elizabeth Walker requesting assistance

HIPPED in good order and well conditioned, by Massey's & Shoemaker in and upon the good Schooner called the Three Sisters whereof Adam Dickey is Master for this present voyage, and now riding at anchor in the River Delaware and bound for Cape Francois To say

Forty Barrels Pork, Fifty eight Barrels Flour, and Nine cases clarell Wine. For Account and Risque of Massey's and Shoemaker all Native Citizens of the United States of America and Consign'd to Charles Massey Supercargo on Board

M&S Pork. Flour.

being marked and numbered as in the margin; to be delivered in the like good order, and well conditioned, at the aforesaid port of Cape Francois (the dangers of the seas only excepted) unto Charles Massey or to his Assigns, he or they paying freight for the said goods at the rate of Two dollars and Twenty five cents pr. Barrell and with primage and average accustomed. In witness whereof the Master or Purser of the said Schooner hath affirmed to Four Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date; one of which being accomplished, the other Three to stand void.

Dated Philadelphia the Nineteenth day of Decem.r 1799.

Adam Dickey

BY PERMISSION OF BROTHER LOUIS C. MASSEY, RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF FLORIDA, A DESCENDANT OF SENIOR MEMBER OF FIRM OF MASSEY & SHOEMAKER.

was received and read, on motion made and seconded that five Dollars be Granted her.

"The accounts of the Grand Lodge against this Lodge were received and read from the R. W. G. Sect'y and are in the following terms

Lodge No 2 Ancient York Masons

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania	Dr
1809 Decr 27, One years Grand Lodge Dues to this day	59.96
One years Room Rent and fire wood &c	40.
	$99.96

which was ordered to be paid

March 21, 1810.—Special Meeting. Present 13 members Dis to E. P. R Chas J Brook

April 9, 1810.—Stated Lodge. Present 23 members & 5 visitors, also the R. W. G. M. Br. Milnor, R. W. P. G. M Br. J. B. Smith & R. W. G. Treas, Br. Bradford.

"The R. W. G. M. was pleased to take the Chair, when the Initiated returned and gave thanks and received the usual instruction and charge from the R. W. G. M"

Following Resolution for the Information of this Lodge was received and read from the R. W. Grand Secretary, adopted in Grand Lodge April 2^{d}. 1810: and

An address of James Milnor, Esquire, R. W. G. M. and delivered by him in Grand Lodge on St. John's

IN GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication,

Philadelphia, Monday, 2d April, A. D. 1810.

"THE Committee appointed on the 5th ultimo, on the subject of "illegal Masonic Meetings, made Report, and offered two Resolu- "tions, which were amended and adopted, as follows, to wit:

"The Committee appointed on the 5th ultimo, agreeably to a Resolution "of the Grand Lodge, relative to illegal Masonic Meetings—

"BEG LEAVE TO REPORT....

"THAT they have enquired into the premises and find, "that a person of the name of Henry Snyder has, for a considerable "time past, been in the practice of holding Masonic Meetings at the "Black Horse Tavern, near the first turnpike gate on the Frankford "road, on Sunday afternoons, and at the tavern of a certain ..... "Doyle, in High near Water street, on Thursday evenings; at which "places a number of Free Masons have attended, and at which meet- "ings the said Snyder is in the habit of acting as W. Master, and "that Lodges have been opened and Lectures on the Masonic De- "grees given by him....That after such Lectures have been given, "they proceeded to collect dues to defray the expences for Liquor, "and to compensate said Snyder for his services.

"Your Committee would further Report, that they have received "information of similar Masonic Meetings being held by other per- "sons in different parts of the City, and your Committee conceiving "that such illegal and unauthorized meetings, if permitted, will have "a tendency to injure young Masons, and be detrimental to the "craft: and it being a gross deviation from ancient land marks, to "prevent which, they beg leave to offer the following Resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be requested to inform "brother Snyder, that all such meetings are illegal, and should he or "any other brother persist in such conduct in future, he and they "will be dealt with by the Grand Lodge agreeably to the ancient "customs and usages of Masonry.

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the master of each Lodge "to warn his brethren from attending such meetings under the "penalty of being expelled."

Extract from the Minutes.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

Day 24th of June 5809 and a Circular address by him to the Different Lodges in the City of Philadelphia at the Grand Visitation in the months of Feby., March & April A. L. 5809.

April 22, 1810.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 17 members & 4 visitors

Br Reisch presented a petition to the Lodge, stating that he had been aggrieved in Consequence of Certain reports being spread by a Member of this Lodge prejudicial to his Character, and praying that the Lodge would appoint a Committee to enquire into the subject, the Petition being Drawn informal on Motion leave was Granted him to withdraw it.

On Wednesday, May 30, the venerable patriarch in Freemasonry, R. W. Past Grand Master William Ball, departed this life and entered the Grand Celestial Lodge above.

His Masonic career extended over sixty years of his eventful life. Originally made a Mason in Lodge No. 2 of the Moderns in 1750, he affiliated with Lodge No. 2 Ancients ten years later and became the first Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, a position which he filled with honor to himself and the craft for twenty years. At the request of the family, his remains were interred on the following day, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in the burial ground of the First Baptist Church then in Fromberger's Court (La Grange place) west of Second Street below Arch

Streets. He was buried in "Masonic form by the Grand Lodge" and the subordinate Lodges.

The order of said procession was as follows: The Fraternity assembled at the Filbert Street Hall at eight o'clock in the morning of Thursday, May 31, and proceeded from thence, by Lodges according to juniority, in procession to the house of the deceased on Market Street (No. 41), north side between Front and Second Streets, and from thence preceding the corpse, to the graveyard in the following order, viz:

Lodge N°. 115.
Master of Ceremonies with drawn Sword.
Enter'd Apprentices 2 and 2.
Fellow Crafts 2 and 2.
Master Masons 2 and 2.
Deacons with their Wands.
Secretary with his Scroll, and Treasurer.
Wardens of the Lodge.
Past Masters 2 and 2.
Master of the Lodge.
Lodges No. 114, 91, 73, 72, 71, 67, 59, 52, 51, 19, 9, 3, 2 in the same Order.

Band of Music.

The Grand Lodge then followed in the following Order, to wit:
Grand Tyler with drawn Sword.
Twelve Past Masters 2 and 2 bearing White Wands.
Grand Sword Bearer with drawn Sword.
Past Grand Officers.
Grand Secretary with his Scroll, and Grand Treasurer.
Grand Wardens bearing their Columns.

Three Lights, *extinguished,* borne by 3 Past Masters.

Holy Bible, Square and Compass, borne by a Past Master and supported by 2 Past Masters.

Grand Chaplain.

Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Pursuivant with drawn Sword.

Four Grand Deacons bearing their Wands 2 and 2.

Two Grand Marshals, with their Wands, on the Flanks of the Procession.

The Front of the Procession having arrived in the above Order at the place of Interment, the Brethren halted, faced inwards and opened their Ranks, the Grand Lodge, preceded by the Corpse and Mourners, moved forward through the Ranks, the Brethren closed from the Rear, followed the Grand Lodge and formed a Circle round the Grave. A short Address was then delivered by the Reverend Doct^r. Staughton, and a prayer offered up by the Rev^d. Doct^r. Rogers, after which the proper Masonic Funeral Service, &c., was performed by the Grand Master and Grand Chaplain and the Masonic Honours, &c., given by the Brethren.

The funeral being over, the Procession returned in Inverse Order, according to Seniority, to the Hall, the Grand Lodge moving in Front.

May 14, 1810.—Stated Lodge. Present 20 members & 17 visitors.

A Complaint was Presented by B^r. Henry Reisch against John G. Bringhurst for traducing his Character In which he states his wish that a Committee might be appointed to Investigate the matter and to report thereon. On Motion made and seconded a Committee was appointed of five Members (viz) B^rs.

Stanley, Burden, Meguire, O'Brien and Douglass for that purpose.

May 19, 1810.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 16 members and 6 visitors

B^rs^. Barnes, Warner, & Ruff were severally Examined and found worthy to be raised to the Sublime degree of M. Mason

May 21, 1810.—Adjourned Lodge. 4 p. m. Present 11 members & 3 visitors

B^rs^. Warner, Barnes, Shaw and Heister were severally Introduced and raised to the Degrees of Master Masons. they returned and gave thanks and received the usual Instruction.

June 11, 1810.—Stated Lodge. Present 12 members & 9 visitors, Election, Jno. Douglass, W. M,—Joshua Fletcher, S. W.—Nerm. Burroughes, J. W.—G. A. Baker Jr. Sect'y—Wm. Meguire, Treas. "It was moved, seconded and approved; that a Master of Ceremonies Jewel be provided for the use of this Lodge"

B^r^. Jo^s^. Douglass was examined in open lodge and found worthy to be Passed. Entered Apprentice Lodge closed and the Fellow Crafts was opened B^r^. Kelly was examined in open lodge and found worthy to be raised.

The Committee to whom was refered the Petition of B^r^ Reisch against B^r^. Bringhurst *Report,* that, they have attended to that Duty, and are of opinion that

the Charges against B^r^ Reisch in his attempting to seduce the wife of B^r^. Bringhurst are without foundation in Justice, which report was received.

June 16, 1810.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 19 members, Officers Installed

On motion made & seconded, *Resolved,* that B^r^ Jno. G. Bringhurst be notified to appear at the next stated meeting of this Lodge and show cause if any he has why he should not be expelled in Consequence of the Report made by the Committee on the Petition of B^r^. Reisch.

July 2, 1810.—Special Meeting. Present 14 members & 6 visitors Dispensation to E. P. & R. Jos. Stevens

"The Fee for Initiation was raised to $30 in consequence of a Tax of $5. levied by the Grand Lodge for each Initiation

July 9, 1810.—Stated Night. Present 22 members & 25 visitors. W. M. announced the following appointments, B. Thos. Irwin, S. D.—Wm Hamilton, J. D. Br. Edward W. Carr, M of C,—"John Woodsides account amounting to $18. for painting 9 Aprons, and ordered to be paid.

July 21, 1810.—Special Meeting. 4 p m Present 13 members & 5 visitors Dispensation to E. P. & R. Joseph Rush.

A Sea Captain, aged 21½ years in Lodge No. 2 to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, it appearing

that he is about to leave the State and cannot wait the usual delays required by the Bye-Laws of the Lodge, if the same should meet the approbation of the Lodge.

July 21, 1810.—Adjourned Lodge. 7 p. m Present 22 members & 7 visitors

Brothers Evan Davis and Joseph E. Collins were severally examined in open Lodge on the first degree of Masonry and were found duly qualified to be passed to the degree of a fellow craft.

July 25, 1810.—Adjourned Lodge. 2 p. m Present 22 members & 2 visitors

A Master Masons Lodge was opened in Ample Form. The minutes of the last meeting were read. The Lodge finished the Examination of the witnesses in the case of Reisch and Bringhurst.

August 13, 1810.—Stated Night. Present 21 members & 8 visitors. The Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pa (accompanied with a Plan of the New Hall of the Grand Lodge) was received and read

August 18, 1810.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 9 members & 2 visitors

September 10, 1810.—Special Lodge. 5 p m Present 8 members & 4 visitors Dispensation to E. P. & R. John McCloud.

September 10, 1810.—Stated Night. 7. p m Present 30 members & 21 visitors, Grand Visitation—

R. W. Jas. Milnor, G. M,—R. W. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, D. G. M.—R. W. Richard Tybout, S. G. W,—R. W. Joseph Burden, G. G. W. R. W,—Geo. A. Baker Gr'd Sect'y,—R. W. Samuel F. Bradford, Gr'd Treas.—R. W. Thos Hennessy, D. G. Sect'y.—Thos. Elliott, J. Gr'd. D. & John Phillips Gr'd Pursuivant.

Brothers Evan Davis and Joseph E. Collins were severally examined in open Lodge on the first degree of Masonry and were found duly qualified to be passed to the degree of a fellow craft.

A Master Masons Lodge was opened in Ample Form. The Minutes of the last Meeting were read. The Lodge finished the Examination of the witnesses in the case of Reisch and Bringhurst.

During the year 5809 the following Lodges were constituted viz: Lodge N°. 113, at Pittsburgh, "Solomon's Lodge" N°. 114 held at Philadelphia.

"On the 15th. September, 1806, the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania adopted the following resolution respecting the pretended Grand Lodge of Delaware to wit: 'Resolved that this R. W. Grand Lodge cannot recognise the pretended Grand Lodge of the State of Delaware, nor any other Grand Lodge until the Brethren have formed themselves in that regular manner pointed out by the antient Constitutions and agreeably to the known usages of Masonry;' in consequence of which resolution none of the members

of the said pretended Grand Lodge of Delaware, or of any of its pretended subordinate Lodges, can be admitted into this R. W. Grand Lodge, or into any of the Lodges under its jurisdiction. This Grand Lodge knows of but one regular and Lawful Lodge in the State of Delaware, which is Lodge N°. 5, held at Cantwell's bridge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge."

On Motion Resolved that the Secretary be directed to notify each of the Committee appointed on the Bye-Laws of the anxious wish of the Lodge that they report at the next Stated meeting.

The Worshipful Master and Officers of the Lodge left their stations and the R. W. Grand Master and Grand Officers assumed them. The R. W. Grand Master implored a Divine Benediction upon the Labours of the Lodge, after which the R. W. Deputy Grand Secretary made the following Report on the Minutes of the Lodge.

"To James Milnor Esquire, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

"The Deputy Grand Secretary to whom the Book of Transactions of Lodge N°. 2 since the last Grand visitation was referred for Inspection by the Right Worshipful the Grand Secretary.

"Respectfully reports

"That he has attended to that duty and finds that the members present at the Stated meetings of said Lodge have been generally from 14 to 23 with a number of visitors.

"That there have been 26 Initiations in said Lodge since the last Grand Visitation and some brethren admitted as members thereof.

"That the minutes of the 13th. Feby. 1809 State that a Committee was appointed to inquire into the charge made by a Br Reisch against a Br Bringhurst, which charge does not appear to have been read in open Lodge or what was the nature of said charge, your Deputy Grand Secretary respectfully conceives that as the Book of Constitution furnishes ample information on that subject the instructions therein given should be strictly adhered to.

"That the minutes of the 9th October 1809 state that Br Irwin having been examined and found worthy "he was duly prepared and passed, &c." which preparation it is respectfully conceived is improper to be inserted in the minutes of a Lodge & a similar Error has crept in the minutes of the 13th. November 1809 relate to the passing of Br Burrough.

"That so far as can be judged from the minutes it appears that all the labours of said Lodge No. 2, Except as above have been conducted with great regularity and perfectly consistent with the Land-

marks of the Craft, all which is respectfully submitted to the consideration of your Worship

"THOMAS HENNESSY, *Dep. Grand Sec^y.*"

"Philad^a. 10th. September 1810."

The R. W. G. M. again implored a divine benediction upon the labours of the Lodge after which the Grand Officers left their stations and the officers of the Lodge resumed them

"Resolved that the sum of $250. be granted to this Lodge to the Grd Lodge of Pa to aid them in completing the New Masonic Hall"

September 15, 1810.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 15 members & 2 visitors Communication from Grd Lodge relative to New Hall

October 8, 1810.—Stated Lodge. Present 26 members & 7 visitors

Visitors:—

Joseph Burrows, Ireland	58 Belfast	J. Rush	$1.—
Anthony Yelrick,	31 London	M. Cloud	.50
A. Uz	72 Phila.	Sausman	.50
R. Milnor	51 do		2.00

E. A. Lodge opened and minutes approved.

W. M. appointed Wm Hamilton S. D. in the place of Thomas Irwin resigned & James Cutbush J. D. in the place of Wm Hamilton promoted.

Brother Alexander Knight was Examined in open Lodge on the Fellow Crafts degree and found worthy to be raised.

The Committee on the Petition of Capt. Adam Dickey for Charity reported that they had relieved him with the sum of Ten Dollars. The Master Mason's Lodge closed and an Entered Apprentice's Lodge opened. The following Bills were presented and ordered to be paid: Tyler's Bill $15.27; E. T. Weaver's for making Jewel for the Master of Ceremony and repairing the Jewels of the officers, $14; and Lefevre & Gravilles' Bill for making a Sword $18.

November 12, 1810.—Stated Meeting. Present 26 members & 30 visitors.

Visitors:—

Moses Niel, formerly N°. 2	J. Fullen	N°. 67
Thomas Irwin do	H. Sausman	19
John Rebosis, Tirniti N°. 10	J. L. Baker	91
Augustin Ghio Abrams Lodge,	E. T. Weaver	50
No. 15 N. York.	G. W. Bartram	91
John Dunman, Salem	D. Bartling	72
Lodge, N°. 19.	Lake	19
Matthew Cluff, Norfolk,	J. Stuart	67
Virginia	M. Heartley	67
Joseph H. Stretch, 18	R. Tice	2
Mount Holly	New York	
Charles F. Lot, do	S. P. Watkins	91
Zachariah Rossel N°. 18	Hoops	19
Social Lodge, Augusta,	Conner.	
Georgia.	Hunt.	

Petitions for initiation were received this evening. The Committee on the Petition of Bohan Martin reported favorably of him he was ballotted for and rejected.

The sum of 20 Dollars was granted for Charity.

The Lodge adjourned, to meet on Saturday evening next the 17th at 6 Oclock.

November 17, 1810.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 17 members & 8 visitors.

Visitors:—

E. T. Weaver	N°. 50,	West Chester
Joahn Rebous	No. 10	Triniti
Nelson	N°. 9	Philadelphia
F. Malat	67	do
Lake	19	"
A. Longinatto	52	"
S. Pitchetti, Abrams Lodge, N° 15		N. York
Dominico Ghio,	N°. 20	N. York

An Entered Apprentice's Lodge was opened in Ancient form and the minutes of the last stated meeting read. A Petition was presented from Charles Nield formerly a member of N°. 2 stating his distress and praying for relief. A Committee was appointed and Twenty Dollars placed in their hands to relieve him with if found worthy. Lodge closed in Harmony at 8 o'clock P. M.

December 10, 1810.—Special Lodge. 3 p. m. Present 16 members.

Humphry Scull, Entered Passed & Raised by Dispensation.

David Nieldson, Crafted.

December 10, 1810.—Stated Lodge. 6.30 p. m. Present 38 members & 12 visitors.

Visitors:—

E. T. Weaver	N°. 50	J. Shaw	19
Conner	71	Nelson	19
P. Boyle	59	McKaraker	41
E. Fling	59	Washington Naval Lodge	
C. L. Bready	52	M. Hartley	67
E. Bawlby	51	Bozard	

The Committee on the Petition of Rebecca Bayard Reported that they had presented her with five dollars and returned five to the Treasurer.

The Committee on the Petition of Lewis Ge Ginochio reported that they had relieved him with the sum of Ten Dollars placed in their Hands for that purpose.

Resolved unanimously that a Committee consisting of three Brothers be appointed to inquire into the situation of the Families of our late deceased Brethren Adam Drewis and W. V. Knowles and that the Committee report the result of their inquiry at the next meeting.

The Committee on the Petition of Charles Nield Reported that finding him sick and his family in a distressed situation they presented him with Ten Dollars; that shortly after he died when they advanced Eleven Dollars to purchase a Coffin to inter him in, being one dollar more than the Lodge had placed in their hands. On motion made and Seconded resolved that the Committee be reimbursed the additional dollar advanced by them. This being the night for the Election of officers of the Lodge for the

ensuing Six Months commencing on St. John's Day next. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment for the space of Fifteen minutes to prepare for the Election. At the expiration of the Fifteen minutes the Lodge was recalled from Refreshment to Labour. The Lodge proceeded to the Election.

Election. Norman Burroughs, W. M. George A. Baker, Jr. S. W. James Cutbush, J. W. Joseph Burden, Tr John O Brien, Secty

Lodge adjourned at 9 Oclock to meet on Saturday next at 6 Oclock in the evening.

December 15, 1810.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 16 members & 15 visitors The sum of 20 Dollars was granted for Charity.

Oliver M. Becket, Conard Krichbaum and Abraham Winthevel were entered.

The following Officers were installed Norman Burroughs, W. M. George A. Baker Jr S. W. James Cutbush, J. W. Joseph Burden, Tr. And the following appointed Wm Hamilton, S. D. E. W. Carr, J. D. E. Shelmerdine, M. C. Wm Ruff & J. N. Shaw, Stewards. Wm Schneider, Tyler.

Brothers Shaw & Collins were appointed guardians for Br Becket.

Br Carr & Cutbush were appointed guardians for Br Krichbaum, and Br. Warner & Steinman were appointed guardians for Br Winthevel.

Lodge adjourned to meet on Tuesday next at 2 Oclock p. m.

December 18, 1810.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 12 members & 1 visitor Bro Thos. Wilkins Woodbury Lodge 11 "Br Jenks Williams examined in open Lodge on the first Degree of Masonry and found worthy to be passed."

Br Neildson examined in the Second Degree, and found worthy to be raised.

Br Williams, Crafted. Brothers Kelly and Neildson raised.

December 20, 1810.—Special Lodge. Present 9 members & 4 visitors

Visitors

Nelson	No. 19	Kensell	N°. 72
Snyder	72	E. F. Weaver	50

Lodge opened at 3 p. m. By dispensation John Frietz was Entered Passed and Raised. Br Emmor T. Weaver passed to the Chair.

January 14, 1811.—Stated Lodge. Present 35 members & 7 visitors

Visitors

Lambert	N°. 67	David Cox	N°. 67
Donnaldson	19	Bartram	91
Littleboy	3	Mich[l] Kensell	72
Baker	91		

Br J. O Brien installed, Secty Br Martin and Br Paterson entered Brothers Bringhurt & Hollins were appointed guardians to Br. Patterson, & Br Warner & Foster to Br Martin.

Br David Neilson requested the Lodge would recommend him to the R. W. G. M. to obtain his dispensation to pass the Chair which was agreed to.

Brothers Hamilton & Bringhurst stated in open Lodge that they had voted against Bohen Martin on the 12th November last under a wrong impression and submitted to the Lodge the propriety of taking another ballot, which being agreed to, he was ballotted for and unanimously approved of.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the widows of our deceased Brothers Drewis & Knowles, reported that they had visited them, found them both in need of assistance and recommended them as worthy of being assisted.

On motion made & seconded, resolved that Forty Dollars be placed in the hands of the Committee appointed 10th December last to relieve the Widows of Brothers Drewis & Knowles with Twenty Dollars each if found worthy

A petition was received from a certain Brother Jacob Vanderslice praying relief, whereupon Brothers Winner, Steinman & Warner were appointed to enquire into his situation & ten Dollars placed in their hands to relieve him if found Worthy. Also one from Brother Alexander McClatchie praying relief whereupon a Committee was appointed and ten Dollars placed in their hands to relieve him if found worthy.

A Bill amounting to Eight Dollars was presented by Brother John Philips for one Doz. Constitutions which was ordered to be paid.

Lodge adjourned to meet on Saturday next the 19th at 6 Oclock in the evening.

January 16, 1811.—Special Lodge. Present 2 members & 3 visitors Br David Neilson Passed to the Chair.

January 19, 1811.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 15 members & 1 visitor Rees Jones No 72

Br Oliver M. Becket Crafted.

A Petition regularly recommended was received from Elizabeth Walters, widow of George A. Walters deceased who was formerly a member of Lodge N°. 3 of this City, praying relief whereupon a Committee was appointed and Ten Dollars placed in their hands to assist her if found worthy.

A Bill was presented from E. I. Weaver amounting to $5.50 for a sword for the Master of Ceremonies which was ordered to be paid.

By Laws, Adopted.

February 11, 1811.—Stated Lodge. Present 31 members & 7 visitors.

Visitors—

Br Conner	71	Br. Donovan	22
Voight	3	Baxter, Wash.	16
J. Thompson	71	Kunkle, Irel[d]	150

The Committee appointed to relieve the Widow

Drewis, reported that they found her worthy & paid her the Twenty Dollars granted last stated meeting. The same Committee reported that they had paid the Widow Knowles Twenty Dollars granted same time.

The Committee appointed last stated meeting to relieve B^r^ Jacob Vanderlice reported that they found him worthy & paid him the Ten Dollars granted for that purpose.

Brother Bringhurst stated that B^r^. Th^o^. Marshall a member of this Lodge, had by accident about three weeks got his leg broken, & in his opinion stood in need of assistance, whereupon on motion made & seconded it was resolved that Fifteen Dollars be placed in the hands of a Committee to relieve him if they found him in need.

A Petition was received from Elizabeth Dickey widow of the late Brother Adam Dickey praying relief, whereupon a Committee was appointed & fifteen Dollars placed in their hands to relieve her if found in distress &^c^.

The Committee appointed 19th January last to relieve the widow of George A Walters reported that they found her in distress & paid her Ten Dollars the sum granted her.

The Committee appointed to relieve Brother John Kean reported that they found him in distress & paid him Twenty Dollars, being the amt. granted him.

Visitors:—B^rs^. Parker, late of N°. 91; G. Helmbold, 72; Thompson, 81.

Brothers C. Krichbaum, Abraham Winthevel were examined and found worthy to be passed. The sum of 60 Dollars was granted for Charity. Application for membership was received this evening.

Br. Krichbaum being in waiting was introduced and agreeably to Ancient form passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason.

February 16, 1811.—Adjourned Meeting. Present 13 members & 3 visitors

A petition was received from Anne Robinson widow of Alexander Robinson formerly a member of old Lodge N°. 2 praying relief, whereupon a Committee was appointed and twenty Dollars placed in their hands for the purpose of assisting her.

On motion made & seconded, Resolved that a Committee be appointed to settle the members accounts, whereupon Brother Philips George A. Baker Jr. & Burden were appointed.

Br Bohan Martin, Passed Br Oliver M. Becket, Raised.

February 27, 1811.—Special Lodge. Present 10 members & 1 visitor

By dispensation James Robinson was Entered Passed Raised.

March 11, 1811.—Stated Meeting. Present 40 members & 16 visitors

The sum of 50 Dollars was granted for Charity. Petition for membership was received this evening.

From a certain Brother John F. Hopkins a master mason & formerly member of Lodge N°. 72 Ireland, praying to be admitted a member of this Lodge

The following resolutions were offered, and agreeably to the 18th section of the Bylaws ordered to lie over until next stated meeting, viz.:

Resolved That every Master Mason of this Lodge, should sickness or other disaster befall him, to which mankind are liable, shall receive four Dollars per week as long as he remains incapable of performing his usual avocations.

Resolved, That at the death of a Master Mason, the widow or other relatives, shall receive forty Dollars to defray the funeral expenses.

Resolved, That in order to put the foregoing resolutions into effect, a committee, consisting of five, shall be elected prior to St. John's Day, whose duty it shall be to attend to the above and other charitable purposes.

Considering the suppers or refreshments an unnecessary expense, and in order to increase the funds of this Lodge, the better to carry into effect the purposes of Charity Resolved, that the said suppers or refreshments be abolished except on the nights of Election.

Br C. Krichbaum, Raised

A bill was presented from the R. W. Grand Lodge, for Grand Lodge dues, amounting to $178.66 which was ordered to be paid.

The resignation of Brothers, James M. Shaw & Henry Reisch presented last stated meeting were accepted.

March 16, 1811.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 20 members & 7 visitors

Visitors:—Br^rs^. John F. Hopkins, 72, Ireland; Gabriel Coit, 81, Germant^n^.; Saurman; Saml. B. Day, 2, Massach^s^.; Bradley, 50; C. J. Brooks, (by disp^n^. N°. 2); Edwd. Charnley, 91.

Brothers Jenks Williams, Wintheval, Martin Raised.

March 26, 1811.—Special Meeting. Present 23 members & 16 visitors

Visitors—

Br. McKenzie N°. 72		Br Martin Lane Morton	N°. 91
Hopkins, 72 Ireland		L. A. Livingston	28
Rogers, 67 by Dispensation		J. S. Kay	67
Wm. Wallace 67		Bradford	"
Homer R. Phillips, Delhi N. Y.		Steward	"
Henry Lowther	do	Gabriel Coit	"
Davis S. Dennis	do	David Comly	"
Elias Enrijan	do	Jon^n^. Johnson	"

Br Leonard Andrews, Entered Passed Raised by dispensation.

April 8, 1811.—Stated Meeting. Present 38 members & 18 visitors William Simon, Initiated

Br Conner & Br Hopkins, Elected

"Br Smallman (a visitor) presented a letter from Br Jonathan Cuddle stating that it was inconvenient for him to attend the meetings of this Lodge & requesting leave to withdraw on payment of his dues

& that the Lodge would recommend him to the Grand Lodge so that he might obtain a certificate.—which was agreed too."

The Entered Apprentice's Lodge was closed and all who were not Master Masons having withdrawn a Master Masons Lodge was opened, when the report of the Committee to whom was referred the charge of Brother Charles J. Brooks against Brother Wm. Meguire was taken into consideration, & after some debate the Committee were ordered to produce the evidence which induced them to make the report. The Committee then produced the charge made by Bro. Charles J. Brooks against Brother Wm. Meguire, & Copies of Sd Brooks obligation to Norman Burrough & Co. and Norman Burrough & Co's receipt from William Hamilton & William Meguire for said obligation of which the following are copies.

Bro Smallman (a visitor) presented a letter from Brother Jonathan Criddle stating that it was inconvenient for him to attend the meetings of his Lodge & requesting leave to withdraw on paymt. of his dues & that the Lodge would recommend him to the Grand Lodge so that he might obtain a certificate which was agreed to.

The Grand Annual Communication from the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania of Dec. 3d. A. L. 5810, also a Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of 1st April 1811 containing the report

of the Committee for making arrangements for the conducting the procession on the dedication of the New Hall, & for devising ways & means of defraying the expenses thereof, and also fifty copies of the R. W. G. Master's address to the R. W. Grand Lodge 3 Decr. 5810, circular charges to the different Lodges held in the City of Philadelphia in the month of Septem^{r}. 5810, and also the R. W. G. Master's circular charges to the Masters, officers and Brethren of the County Lodges, were received from the R. W. Grand Secretary. Lodge closed in Harmony at a 2^{r} past Ten O'Clock, and adjourned to Saturday Evening 20 Jun. at Seven O'Clock

April 20, 1811.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 9 members & 6 visitors

The sum of 15 Dollars was granted for Charity. viz 10.00 to widow Sarah Rutter and 5.00 to Mary Woch recommended by Lodge No 125

The Committee to whom was referr'd the complaint of Brother Mantley John Littleboy a member of Lodge N°. 3 being ready to report, the charge of B^{r} Littleboy was ordered to be read.

May 13, 1811.—Stated Meeting. Present 34 members & 22 visitors

The sum of 50 Dollars was granted for Charity viz Bro Charles J. Brooke 15.00 Henry Hiss 5.00 Dane D. Smith 20.00 widow Ellis 15.00

The Committee appointed 11 March last to have the

aprons cleaned were discharged, and on motion made & seconded, Resolved that a Committee be appointed to purchase new hangings & aprons for the officers and as many aprons for the members as they may consider necessary and to have the Jewels cleaned, whereupon Brother Phillips, John Douglass & Meguire were appointed. Brother Phillips presented a bill for a dozen Books of Constitutions amount^{g} to $8 which was ordered to be paid.

May 18, 1811.—Adjourned Meeting. Present 20 members & 6 visitors

Br Joseph D. Martin, Br Wm Simon, Passed.

A Letter of which the following is a Copy was presented & read, viz

Worshipful Master & Brethren of Lodge N°. 2.

Brethren:

I beg leave to acknowledge the favor conferred on me through your respectable committee Messrs. Phillips, Cluly & Hamilton, and to return you my most sincere thanks for the favours done me. I would also beg leave to state that tho' my misfortunes have compelled me, through my friends, to make application to your Worshipful Lodge for Relief, yet I beg you will not consider the amount paid by the Committee as a gratuity but as a Loan, which will be returned by me with pleasure when my abilities will enable me to do so.

I am Brethren with sentiments of gratitude & respect, your obliged & ob^{t}.

(signed) Charles J. Brooks

Phila. 17th May 1811

June 10, 1811.—Special Meeting half past five P. M. Present 18 members & 5 visitors

Br Joseph D. Martin, Raised Lodge closed 6.45 p m.

June 10, 1811.—Stated Meeting. Present 41 members & 13 visitors

The sum of 35 Dollars was granted for Charity

The Committee appointed to relieve Brother Kees reported that they did not consider him worthy of assistance and the money granted last stated meeting, the Committee returned the Treasurer.

The Committee appointed to relieve B^{r}. Danl. D. Smith reported that they found him worthy and paid him the Twenty Dollars placed in their hands which he promised to repay the Lodge when able

The Committee appointed to inquire into the circumstances of M^{rs}. Ellis reported that they found her worthy & in distress and gave her the fifteen Dollars placed in their hands

"The Committee appointed to purchase two Ivory Gavels and two Columns reported (verbally) that they had procured the Gavels and that the Columns were getting ready, they also presented a bill for the Gavels amounting to $4 50/100 which was ordered to be paid."

This being Election night the following Officers were Elected Br James Cutbush, W. M. Edward W. Carr, S. W. Edward Shelmardine, J. W. John Phillips, Secty Joseph Burden, Treas^{r}

"On motion made & Seconded, resolved that the members of this Lodge dine together on St Johns day next whereupon a committee consisting of Brothers Cutbush, Winner, Warner Stienman & Bellings were appointed to provide a suitable place for Dining in.

The W. M. appointed Br Cluly to act as Marshall of this Lodge at the procession on St Johns day next."

"A Communication was received from the R. W. Grand Secretary containing the order of procession and that tickets for the procession and Masonic Banquet on St Johns day 24th June next were ready for delivery at the office of the Grand Secty which communication and were ordered to be deposited among the archives of the Lodge."

June 15, 1811.—Adjourned Meeting. Present 20 members & 4 visitors

The sum of 40 Dollars was granted for Charity—viz—

A Committee consisting of Brothers Cutbush Carr & Shelmardine were appointed to inquire into the circumstances of our Worshipfull Master Brother Norman Burroughs & twenty Dollars for his relief if necessary.

On motion made & seconded Resolved that Brother Cutbush be authorized to deliver on oration before the members of this Lodge who may dine together on St. John's day next.

Bills were presented for making and gilding two columns amounting to Twentynine Dollars, which was ordered to be paid

A petition was received from a certain Br. A. J. Westheim praying relief whereupon a committee consisting of Brothers Warner, Bellings & Williams were appointed & five Dollars granted for his relief, if found worthy. one from Br. Robt. Fry praying relief, referred to the same commmittee & five Dollars granted him if found worthy. Also one from Mrs. Rachel Michaels praying relief, referred to a committee & ten Dollars granted her if found deserving.

By dispensation Br George A. Baker Jr. was passed to the Chair.

W. M. James Cutbush, Installed S. W. E. W. Carr. J. W. Edward Shelmerdine Treasr Joseph Burden Secty. John Phillips Appointments made, Br Wm Hamilton, S. D. Wm Ruff, J. D. Joseph Duglass, M. C. Wm Schneider, Tyler Luther Barnes & Edward Warner, Stewards.

By dispensation Br Wm Hamilton passed to the Chair

June 20, 1811.—Special Meeting. Present 8 members.

"Br Kuhn was then examined in open Lodge on the first degree of Masonry and found perfect therein & judged worthy of being further advanced, where upon the E. A. Lodge was closed and a fellow C. Lodge

opened, and Br George K. Kuhn was introduced & agreeably to Ancient form was passed to the Degree of a F. C. mason, returned gave thanks & received a Lecture on that degree, after which he was examined in the F. C. degree and proved himself perfect therein & was judged to be deserving of further advancement in Masonry."

Br. George K. Kuhn, Raised.

June 22, 1811.—Special Meeting. Present 8 members & 4 visitors

Br Wm Bennett, E. P. R. Br P. Reilly, P. R.

July 8, 1811.—Stated Meeting. Present 30 members & 7 visitors

The sum of 40 Dollars was granted for Charity.

A bill was presented from Wm Renshaw for the use of a room & candles on Saturday last, when the Brethern were preparing to attend the funeral of our deceased Brother Phillips, amounting to $23.72/100 which was ordered to be paid.

The following letter from R. W. G. M. to our W. M. was read, viz

Dear Sir Brother

I enclose you a licence for Masonic honors to be paid to the memory of our deceased Br Phillips to which Br. Baker will affix my Seal to give it the requisite formality, as it will be proper for you to make report of the Circumstance to the Lodge at their next meeting, and have it entered on the minutes.

I regret much that I find myself so much indisposed this morning as to make it impossible for me to join you as I had intended.

With sincere and affectionate regards

I remain Sir Brother

Yours fraternally

(Signed) JAMES MILNOR

6 July 1811

Which letter was accompanied by the Licence alluded to there in. And the W. M. stated to the Lodge the in consequence there of our deceased Br John Phillips was interred with Masonic honors on Saturday last at Eleven Oclock in the fore-noon.

It being stated to the Lodge that our worthy Br. Phillips who was elected Secy. last stated meeting had died suddenly on Friday last, Brother O'Brien volunteered his services to act as Secretary pro tem. untill St. John's day next, for the benefit of the deceased Brother Phillips' widow and children which being agreed to a motion was made & seconded that the widow Phillips be paid the six months salary in advance, which was agreed to and Brothers Cluly, Burden & J. D. Martin were appointed a committee & twenty five Dollars granted, being six months salary to St. John's Day next.

Brother John Phillips, who for fifteen years was an enthusiastic member of Lodge No. 2 as well as of the Grand Lodge, was a man of literary attainments. He kept a book store and circulating library for some

years at No. 24 South Fourth Street, below Market, later in Third Street, east side a few doors above Spruce Street.

His memory is still kept green in the history of our Grand Lodge by his "Freemason's Companion or Pocket Preceptor," compiled for the use of the craft, published in Philadelphia, 1805. This work was dedicated to Israel Israel, Esq., R. W. G. M. of Pennsylvania; also by the large oil painting of Solomon's Temple said to be over three hundred years old, which was presented to Lodge No. 2 by his efforts. This painting has lately been restored and now occupies a prominent position in the Museum of the Grand Lodge.

Brother Phillips died on the evening of Friday, July 5, 1811, and was buried at eight o'clock upon the following (Saturday) morning as appears from the following notice from *Poulson's Advertiser:*

> Died last Evening Mr John Phillips Librarian His friends and Masonic Brethren are invited to attend his funeral this A. M. at 8 O'Clock, from his late dwelling opposite the Mansion house.

The following elegiac lines were written in commemoration of his decease:

> For worth departed, tears of sorrow flow—
> Science and Friendship mourn in silent woe;
> In each pursuit, to honor's precepts true,
> John Phillips claims this tribute as his due;

THE

FREE MASON'S COMPANION,

OR

POCKET PRECEPTOR.

COMPILED FOR THE

USE OF THE CRAFT

BY JOHN PHILLIPS,

PAST MASTER OF LODGE NO. 2;

AND CHIEF J. OF THE H. R. A. C. NO. 52.

PHILADELPHIA:

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NO. 40, N FOURTH-STREET.

1805.

TO

ISRAEL ISRAEL, ESQ.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

OF

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

FOR THE

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA;

THE

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OR

POCKET PRECEPTOR,

IS MOST HUMBLY DEDICATED

BY HIS DEVOTED

HUMBLE SERVANT,

THE AUTHOR.

TITLE PAGE AND DEDICATION OF PHILLIPS' POCKET COMPANION.

Truth and science acknowledged him their own;
Each in its sphere a constellation shone;
Reader, attend and emulate his plan;
Be what he was—a strictly honestly man.

The Committee appointed 15th. June to relieve Mrs. Rachael Michaels reported that they found her worthy & paid her the ten Dollars granted her.

The Committee appointed 15th June to relieve Br Robt. Fry reported they considered him deserving & in distress & paid him the five Dollars granted.

The Committee appointed 15th June to relieve Br. N. Burroughs reported that they found him in distress and granted him the Twenty Dollars granted.

The Committee appointed 15th June to relieve Br. Westheim reported that "under present circumstances they do not feel justifiable in granting him the money placed in their hands" and returned the five Dollars to the Lodge.

A bill was presented from John Mein amounting to Six Dollars for gilding & Japanning two Columns which was ordered to be paid.

A bill was presented for painting Ten Aprons amounting to Twenty Dollars which was ordered to be paid

John Busman being in waiting was introduced & agreeably to ancient form initiated in the first degree of Masonry, returned thanks, rec'd a Lecture & paid his initiation fee of Thirtyfive Dollars.

On motion made & seconded, resolved that the

thanks of the Lodge be granted to the Committee appointed to prepare a Dinner on St. John's Day last.

Resolved that the thanks of this Lodge be given to the R. W. Grand Master for his acquiescence in granting a license or dispensation for burying the body of our much respected Brother John Phillips, Past Master of this Lodge, in Masonick form.

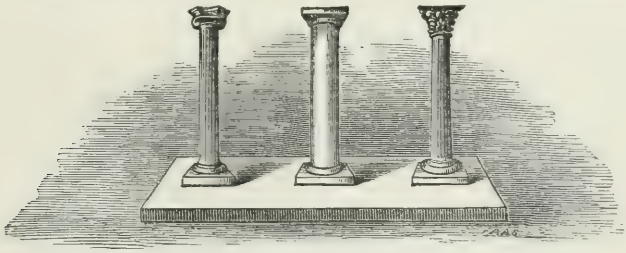
Resolved that the warmest thanks of this Lodge be presented to our worthy and respected Brother the Rev^d. George Richards for his prompt compliance with the requisition of the Worshipfull Master of this Lodge in assisting in the solemn rites of Masonick funeral service and for the present of his edition of Preston's Masonry.

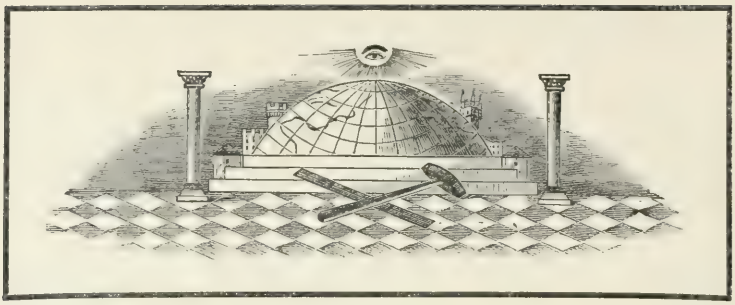
Resolved that our thanks be given to Brother Grand Secretary for his attention & presence at the funeral of our worthy Brother.

Resolved that the thanks of this Lodge be given to Brother Elliott for his polite attention in loaning the Wands of his Lodge for the funeral procession.

The above resolutions were severally put & carried unanimously.

Brothers John Busman & Wm Bevan, Initiated





CHAPTER XXI.

The New Masonic Hall, Chestnut Street, 1811–1819.

THE second cycle of the Masonic year of light 5811 was ushered in by the grand celebration incident to the dedication of the new Masonic Hall on Chestnut Street, which had been erected by the Brethren of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges of Philadelphia.

The want of convenient room in the hall in Filbert Street led to consultations as to the proper site for a more extensive structure. A lot which was suggested by many was situated on the north side of Chestnut Street, between Seventh and Eighth. It was of good size, and had been used occasionally for public purposes.

The result of the inquiries made upon the subject was that the Grand Lodge determined to secure the Chestnut Street lot. Preparations were immediately made for the erection of the building. Brother William Strickland was selected as the architect, and

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PLACE OF MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA
MASONIC HALL, 1811–1819. DESTROYED BY FIRE MARCH 9th 1819
CHESTNUT STREET, BETWEEN SEVENTH AND EIGHTH, NORTH SIDE,
PHILADELPHIA.

Brother John Darragh was nominated as master builder. The Gothic order of architecture was followed in the plan of the edifice. The building as proposed measured in front 82 feet, and in depth 69 feet. The lot is 101 feet 7 inches front on Chestnut Street, by 178 feet in depth to Lodge Alley. The edifice was to be placed back at a distance of 50 feet from a dwarf wall, which, with railings and gateways, came out to the line of Chestnut Street. The distance at which the building stood from the street was calculated to give effect to the view. The brick work in front was to be supported by buttresses of parti-colored marble, enriched with niches for statues, capped by triangular pinnacles, connected together by an embattled parapet capped with marble. The center doorway and grand window, between the buttresses, was rough-cast, whilst the brick work of the wings was plain. A wooden steeple, 180 feet high from the ground, rose from the center of the roof.

On November 21, 1808, the Grand Lodge adopted this design. Preparations for the work were forthwith made, and on the morning of April 17, 1809, at eight o'clock, the corner-stone of the new hall was laid, in due Masonic form, by the Grand Officers,[1]

[1] The Grand officers and officials who participated in the laying of the corner-stone were the following:

James Milnor, Esq., was an attorney at law, and lived in Chestnut Street, first house below Sixth, north side. He afterwards studied divinity, was admitted to holy orders, and was known as the Rev.

there being no public procession at that time. Messrs. George A. Baker, Peter Le Barbier Du Plessis,

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Dr. Milnor, rector of St. George's Church, Beekman Street, New York.

Peter Le Barbier Du Plessis was a conveyancer and sworn interpreter, who resided at 53 Walnut Street.

Thomas Passmore was a tinsmith, who lived at 172 Market Street. He afterwards became a celebrated auctioneer.

Richard Tybout was a hatter, living at 53 Chestnut Street.

George A. Baker, the Secretary of the Grand Lodge was a conveyancer at 23 Cherry Street, but well known afterwards at the northeast corner of Fourth and Cherry Streets. He was the City Treasurer for some years.

Robert Poalk was an auctioneer, residing at No. 43 North Fourth Street. This gentleman was known to every grocer in Philadelphia.

John Darragh, the master builder, lived at 33 North Fifth Street, afterwards in Pine Street, above Fifth.

John Griffith, the gentleman who presented the corner-stone, was a stone-cutter, 395 Market Street, between Tenth and Eleventh Streets, north side.

William Strickland, architect, lived at No. 262 Arch Street. At that time he was but little known. He studied under Benjamin H. Latrobe. His first important architectural work was the old Masonic Hall, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. The style was Gothic. His next important work was the United States bank, modelled after the Parthenon at Athens, and finished in August, 1824. He now took his place as one of the chief architects of the country, and as such built the new Chestnut Street Theatre, the Arch Street Theatre, United States custom-house, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, the Merchants' exchange, United States Mints, and the United States naval asylum, all in Philadelphia. Mr. Strickland was one of the first architects and engineers that turned his attention to the construction of railroads, and he went to Europe to study the system. On his return he built the Delaware breakwater for the United States government. His last work was the state-house at Nashville, Tenn., and he died while engaged in superintending its construction. By a vote of the legislature of the state his remains were placed in a crypt in that edifice.

Anno Summæ Americanæ
Reipublicæ Fæderatæ Libertatis
XXXIII.
Salutis Humanæ MDCCCIX
Mensis Aprilis die XVII
Hunc primum Lapidem.
Pennsylvaniensis Latomorum Aulæ
Posuerit Honoratissimus
Jacob Milnor Eques
Summus Latomorum Pennsylvaniæ
Magister Assidentibus
Viro Ornatissimo
Petro Le Barbier Duplessis Equite.
Summi Magistri Deputato;
Viris Ornatissimis
Ric. Tybout et Bob. Poalk.
Summis Gubernatoribus:
Plaudente Amplissima
Fratrum Corona

(Translation)

In the XXXIII year of the
Independence of the
United States of America
of the Christian Era MDCCCIX
On the XVII Day of the Month of April
This Foundation Stone of the Pennsylvania
Free Mason's Hall
was laid by
James Milnor, Esquire
Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons
in Pennsylvania
attended by
Peter Le Barbier Duplessis
Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master
Richard Tybout—
—Robert Poalk
Right Worshipful Grand Wardens
Amidst the acclamations of a numerous
assembly of Brethren.

Corner Stone of the First Masonic Hall on Chestnut Street, 1809–1819.

Richard Tybout and Thomas Passmore were appointed the building committee.

The corner-stone was laid at the northeast corner of the building. It was of plain marble, without a cavity. Its dimensions were four feet two inches in length, and two feet in breadth. The stone was presented and the inscription cut by John Griffith.[2] [See opposite page.]

Monday the 24th June, 1811, being the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist the Brethren provided with Tickets of Admission into the Procession assembled at the Old College Hall in Fourth Street, near Arch Street, at 8 o'clock in the Morning where the Procession was formed by Lodges, according to Juniority and proceeding from thence at 10 o'clock along the East side of Fourth Street to the South side of Market Street, along the South side of Market Street to the East side of Eighth Street, along the East side of Eighth Street to the South side of Arch Street, along the South side of Arch Street to the East side of Sixth Street, along the East side of Sixth Street to the South side of Race Street and along the South side of Race Street to St. John's Church, in the following Order to wit:

Two Trumpets.

Tyler with drawn Sword.

Industry Lodge No. 131, in the following Order, Viz:

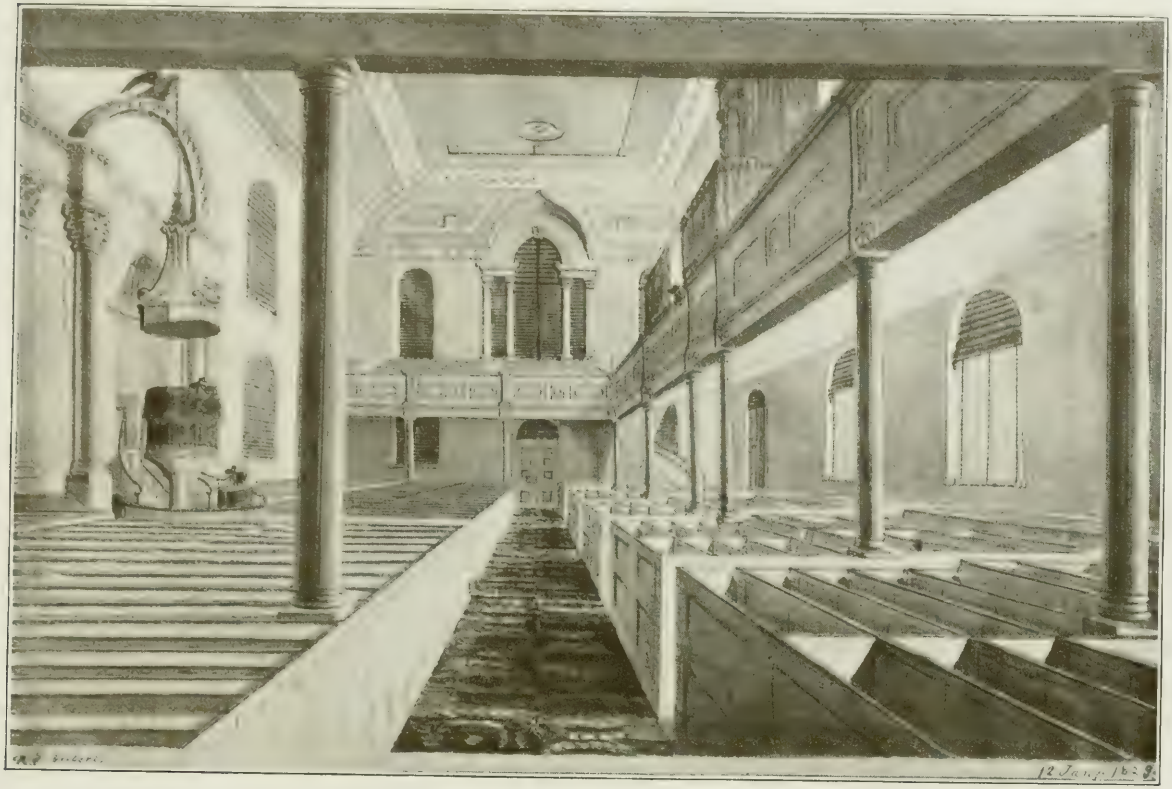
Masters of Ceremonies with drawn Swords.

Enter'd Apprentices, Two and Two.

Fellow Crafts, Two and Two.

Master Masons, Two and Two.

[2] This stone is now in the Museum of the Grand Lodge Library.



ORIGINAL INTERIOR ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

RACE STREET BELOW SIXTH, NORTH SIDE.

Past Masters, Two and Two.

Deacons with their Wands, Blue Tipt with White.

Secretary and Treasurer.

Wardens of the Lodge, bearing their Columns.

Master of the Lodge, carrying his Mallet.

On the Flank of the Lodge, One of the Members of the Lodge acting as Marshal of his own Lodge in the Procession and bearing a Blue Wand Tipt with Silver.

Phœnix Lodge, N°. 130; Temple Lodge, N°. 128; Philanthropy Lodge, N°. 127; Rising Star Lodge, N°. 126; Herman's Lodge, N°. 125; Union Lodge, N°. 121; St. John's Lodge, N°. 115; Solomon's Lodge, N°. 114; Columbia Lodge, N°. 91; Lodge Amenite, N°. 73, all in the same order, as above.

A Military Band of Music.

Philadelphia Lodge, N°. 72; Orange Lodge N°. 71; Concordia Lodge, N°. 67; Washington Lodge, N°. 59; Harmony Lodge N°. 52; Lodges Nos. 51, 19, 9, 3, 2.

Brethren not united by Membership to any Lodge, and also Brethren, Members of Lodges under other Jurisdictions, Two and Two.

A Band of Military Music.

Grand Lodge in the following Order, Viz:

Grand Tyler with drawn Sword.

Members of the New Hall, (or Building,) Committee, (those Members of said Committee who are not Grand Officers, the Grand Officers filling their proper places as such,) Two and Two, carrying the Key of the New Hall.[3]

Banner of Free Mason's Arms borne by a Past Master.

Twelve Past Masters, Two and Two, bearing White Wands.

Architect carrying the Square, Level and Plumb Rule, with the Book of Architecture.

Those Trustees of the Masonic Loan who are not Grand Officers, Two and Two.

Four Past Masters carrying the Lodge covered with White Satin.

Two Past Masters carrying Golden Pitchers containing Oil and Wine.

A Past Master carrying a Golden Cornu-Copiæ, containing Corn.

The Third Light borne by a Past Master.

Past Grand Wardens.

The Second Light borne by a Past Master.

Past Deputy Grand Masters.

The First Light borne by a Past Master.

Past Grand Masters.

A Past Master carrying the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses on a Crimson Velvet Cushion, supported by Two Past Masters.

Grand Chaplains.

Deputy Grand Secretary carrying the Book of Minutes.

Grand Secretary carrying the Book of Constitution and Grand Treasurer carrying his Staff.

Grand Wardens bearing their Columns.

Grand Officers and Officers of the Grand Lodges of New

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[3] The entire cost of the New Hall and lot is as follows, to wit:

Purchase money paid William Waln, in extinguishment of ground rent of the lot	$14,166.67
Cost of the building and all its appurtenance	67,850.67½
Cost of Furniture, etc., for the Hall, and all other expenses	4,962.78
	$86,980.12½
Add thereto the cost of a perpetual insurance effected on the Hall in September, 1813, in the sum of $20,000.	860.00
Total cost, including insurance	$87,840.12½

Jersey and Maryland, Two and Two.

Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Sword Bearer, carrying the Sword of State, and a Past Master carrying the Golden Mallet.

Grand Master.

Two Grand Deacons with Wands, Silvered and Tipt with Gold.

Grand Pursuivant with drawn Sword.

Two Grand Marshals, on Grey Horses, on the Flanks of the Procession, superintended the Marshals of the Subordinate Lodges and the whole Line of the Procession carrying Blue Truncheons Tipt with Gold.

The Distance between the Files in the Procession was 6 Feet.

The Front of the Procession having arrived at the Church, the Brethren Halted, faced inwards and opened their Ranks. The R. W. Grand Lodge, with the R. W. Grand Master at their Head, moved forward through the Ranks, the Brethren uncovered as the Grand Lodge passed them, closed their Ranks from the rear and followed the Grand Lodge into the Church, where an Oration, adapted to the occasion, was delivered by the R. W. Grand Master, accompanied with prayers, Thanksgiving and Solemn Music in the following Order, to wit:

On the entrance of the Procession, Voluntary on the Organ, by Brother Robert Taylor.

GRAND CHORUS.

Written by Brother John Nisbet, P. M. of Lodge N°. 126, composed by Brother Robert Taylor.

Sung by the Choir.

Raise, raise the Choral strain,
To Hail the Noble train,
Of Masons bright,

Lo! where the social band!
Honour'd with high command,
Still firm in Wisdom stand,
Hail Chiefs of Light!

PRAYER.

By the Reverend Brother George Richards, Grand Chaplain.

MASONIC HYMN.

Composed by Brother Robert Taylor.
Sung by the Choir.

Supreme Grand Master! most sublime!
High Thron'd in Glory's radiant clime;
Behold thy Sons, on Bended Knee,
Conven'd, O God! to Worship Thee!

And as 'tis Thine, with open Ear,
The suppliant Voice of Prayer to hear,
Grant thou, O Lord! this One request,
Let Masons be, in blessing, blest.

O give the Craft, from Pole to Pole,
The feeling Heart, the pitying Soul,
The gen'rous Breast, the lib'ral Hand,
Compassion's Balm, and Mercy's band.

With Charity that pours around,
The Wine and Oil, on Mis'ry's wound;
And heals the Widow's, Orphan's Heart,
Deep pierc'd by Sorrow's Venom'd Dart.

Then to thy Throne, the Craft shall raise
One Deathless song of grateful praise;
And Masons, Men, in Chorus join,
To Hymn the pow'r of Love Divine.

ORATION ON MASONRY,

DELIVERED AT

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

AT THE REQUEST OF THE

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

ON ST. JOHN'S DAY, JUNE 24, 1811,

BY JAMES MILNOR, ESQUIRE,

GRAND MASTER.

TO WHICH IS PREFIXED

AN ACCOUNT OF THE PROCESSION, AND OF THE CEREMONIE ATTENDING THE CONSECRATION AND DEDICATION OF

THE NEW MASONIC HALL.

ORIGINAL IN GRAND LODGE LIBRARY, MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA.

That Love supreme, thy Love, O God!
Which Heav'n itself shall pour abroad;
Till Light, Life, Peace, adorn the Vale,
And Angels, Men, pronounce all Hail!

Oration on Masonry.

By Brother James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.

Masonic Hymn.

Written by Brother Joseph Clay, P. M. of Lodge N°. 3, composed by Brother Carr, Sung by Brother Nisbet.

Chorus by the Choir.

Before revolving Years began,
The whole Creation's glorious plan,
  Almighty Wisdom laid;
But, till the appointed Time should pass,
A Void, deformed Chaotic Mass,
  The Universe was made.

Nor yet had Dawn'd the sacred light,
But o'er the World, primeval Night,
  Held undivided sway:
"Let there be Light" the Almighty spoke,
As the First beam through Chaos broke,
  He bless'd the Heavenly ray.

Then starting from Confusion's bed,
Young Order heav'd his beauteous Head,
  And the First Day—Spring Hail'd:
'Twas then the Rosy Hours were born,
That, blushing, led the Orient Morn,
  And Nature's Face unveil'd.

Then, First, the teeming Earth appear'd;
Then, First, the Heavenly Vault was rear'd,
  And fill'd with Glory's blaze;

On High the Ruling Lights were hung,
While Angel to Archangel sung,
  Th' Almighty Master's praise.

His Wisdom saw that all was good;
Beauty with Strength united stood,
  In Harmony combin'd,
The gloomy reign of Night was o'er,
Hoarse Discord's Voice was heard no more,
  Disorder stood confin'd.

'Twas thus, the Human race remain'd
In hopeless Bonds, by Passion Chain'd,
  To Ignorance and Guilt;
Till, after many a rolling age,
When the Wise King, and Tyrian Sage,
  The Holy Temple Built.

Then intellectual darkness ceas'd,
Majestic, in the kindling East,
  The Sun of Masons shone.
Thence to the West the Light he shed,
To us the bright effulgence spread,
  To Masons only known.

Thou, who did'st into being call,
Yon rolling Orbs, this Earthly Ball,
  Thou bad'st Thy Light to shine
For This—for All thy Mercies, LORD!
But Chiefly for Thy Holy Word,
  Eternal praise be Thine.

PRAYER.

By the Reverend Brother Doctor William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

133rd PSALM, By the Choir.

1. Lo, what an entertaining sight
  Are Brethren that Agree;

Brethren, whose cheerful Hearts unite
In Bands of piety!

2. 'Tis like the Oil, Divinely sweet,
On Aaron's rev'rend Head;
The trickling drops perfum'd his Feet,
And o'er his garments spread.

3. 'Tis pleasant as the Morning Dews
That fall on Zion's Hill,
Where God His mildest glory shews,
And makes His grace distil.

BENEDICTION.

By the Reverend Brother Doctor Rogers.

The Society were Honoured with the attendance at the Church of the Honourable Judges of the several Courts, the Attorney General of the State, the Mayor, Recorder, and Alderman of the City, the Reverend Clergy of various denominations, and the Directors of the Academy of Fine Arts, together with many other respectable Characters, and a brilliant assemblage of Ladies.

After the services were concluded, the Procession was again taken up in the same Order and proceeded from the Church along the South side of Race to Fourth Street, along the East side of Fourth to Arch Street, along the South side of Arch to Third Street, along the East side of Third to Chestnut Street, and along the South side of Chestnut Street to the New Hall. The Front of the Procession having arrived at the New Hall, the Brethren halted, faced inwards and opened their ranks as before. The Members of the New Hall, (or building,) Committee, carrying the Key, moved on to the Front Door of the New Hall, unlocked and opened the same on the approach of

the R. W. Grand Master. The R. W. Grand Master, preceded by the Grand Banner bearer, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Deacons, followed in the First place by the Grand Lodge, in the Second place by all the Masters of the Lodges, (who left their Lodges as the Grand Lodge passed by them and fell in immediately after the Grand Lodge according to Seniority), and the Third place by the remainder of the procession, closing from the rear, thereupon entered the New Hall in Ancient and Solemn Form.

On the Grand Masters reaching Solomon's Chair, the Officers and Members took their Seats. The Lodge was then placed in the Centre of the Hall, and the Three Lights with the Golden Cornu-copiæ and Pitchers, containing Corn, Wine and Oil, were placed thereon. The Bible, Square and Compasses on a Crimson Velvet Cushion were placed on the Grand Master's Pedestal, and the Grand Lodge was Tyled.

Thirty One Lodges being represented the Lodge was uncovered and Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form, when an impressive prayer was offered up by the Rev^{d}. Brother William Rogers, D. D., One of the Grand Chaplains.

The Grand Secretary intimated to the R. W. Grand Master, the Architect's desire to return the implements entrusted to his care in the erecting of the Hall. Whereupon, Brother Darragh, the Architect, addressed the Grand Master, who expressed his high satisfaction at the completion of the Hall, and commanded the Grand Wardens to receive back the Implements, which was complied with, and they were laid on the Lodge.

The Grand Secretary then informed the Grand Master that it was the desire of the Brethren to have the Hall Dedicated to The Grand Architect of the Universe and to Masonry. The Grand Master thereupon commanded his Grand Officers, and

requested the favour of the R. W. Grand Masters of the R. W. Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Maryland, and of his Venerable predecessors, the R. W. Past Grand Masters of Pennsylvania, to assist in that Solemn Ceremony.

A Dedication Prayer was then offered up by the Reverend Brother George Richards, D. D., One of the Grand Chaplains.

The Grand Officers then made a Procession round the Lodge Three different Times, at the end of which the Grand Master, strewing Corn over the Lodge, declared in Solemn Form the Hall Dedicated To The Grand Architect of The Universe and to Masonry, which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary, the Grand Honours were given. The Grand Officers again made a Procession round the Lodge Three different Times, at the End of which the Grand Master pouring Wine over the Lodge, declared in Solemn Form the Hall Dedicated To Virtue and Science, which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary, the Grand Honours were given as before. The Grand Officers again made a Procession round the Lodge Three different Times, at the end of which the Grand Master pouring Oil on the Lodge in Solemn Form, declared the Hall Dedicated to Universal Charity and Benevolence, which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary, the Grand Honours were given as before.

A Consecration Prayer was then offered up by the Reverend Brother Richards, Grand Chaplain, and the Grand Master returning to Solomon's Chair.

The Thanks of the R. W. Grand Lodge were presented to the R. W. Grand Master for the elegant and Appropriate Oration by him this Day delivered in St. John's Church before this Grand Lodge, and he was respectfully requested to furnish a Copy thereof for publication.[4]

[4] Copy in Grand Lodge Library.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Also, That the Thanks of the R. W. Grand Lodge be presented to "The Trustees of St. John's Lutheran Church" for the use of their Church obligingly granted on the Occasion of the Masonic Procession, and the delivery of the Masonic Oration before this Grand Lodge on this Day.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 4 o'clock, P. M., and the Brethern repaired to the various places of refreshment previously arranged.

MASONIC BANQUET.

The Grand Lodge with the Grand Officers of New Jersey and Maryland, a Number of other respectable Visitors and Brethren, about 200 in Number, sat down at 5 o'clock in the Afternoon of St. John's Day, 24th June, 1811, to a Banquet provided in the New Hall, when the following Toasts were drank with the accustomed Honours, Viz:

1. The Day.—The Proudest in the Annals of our Lodge.—May it prove the most propitious on the Tablets of Charity.
2. Our New Hall.—While social Harmony reigns in its Courts, its secret recesses shall prove a Sanctuary for Brothers, and a "a Lodge for the Virtues."
3. The Memory of Brother General George Washington.—May the gratitude of Masons display itself in Deeds, and rouse the slumbering sensibility of the Nation.
4. The Grand Lodges of the United States.—Wisdom to their deliberations, Strength to their Measures, and Moral Beauty to their Conduct.
5. Our Country.—Devotion to its Interests: One of the proudest traits in the Masonic Character.

6. Our Fair Sisters.—Their Happiness the principal object of our Institution.—In excluding Beauty from the Temple of Wisdom we distrust ourselves rather than them.
7. The Academy of Fine Arts and the Society of Artists.—They have sown "good Seed in good Ground:" May they be remunerated by an abundant Harvest.
8. The Clergy of the United States.—Guardians of the First great Light of Masonry, they display its influence by lives spent in Acts of Piety and Devotion.
9. The Mystic Signal.—The Last Appeal; never be it given without effect!

At Half past 8 o'clock in the Evening the Company separated in the utmost Harmony and good Order.

The Solemn and impressive solemnities of the Day were not interrupted by any unpleasant occurrences. As large a concourse of spectators as were ever Assembled on a public Occasion, conducted themselves with the greatest propriety and Decorum, and the display made by the Craft in the Procession, (about 750 in Number,) far excelled in Beauty and Order any former exhibition of a similar kind.

July 20, 1811.—Adjourned Meeting. Present 13 members & 8 visitors Br J. Busmas, Passed.

"Br Joshua Fletcher, formerly a member of this Lodge presented the Lodge with a Bible, on which it was unanimously Resolved that the thanks of the Lodge be presented to him."

"A letter directed to Br James Cutbush W. M. from the Rev[d] Br George Richards inviting the members of Lodge No 2 to attend a 'funeral Sermon' to be preached on Sunday 21 Inst, at the Universalist

Church in the fore-noon, in memory of Br John Phillips was read and the members agreed to attend."

August 12, 1811.—Stated Meeting. Present 29 members & 21 visitors Br Wm Bevens, Iniatiated

A Letter of which the following is a Copy was rec'd from Brother Charles J. Brooke, vizt.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, WARDENS & BRETHREN OF LODGE N°. 2,

Brethren:

The difference formerly existing between W^{m}. Meguire & myself having been amicably & satisfactorily settled, I take the Liberty of soliciting your W. Lodge to stop all further proceedings in said difference against all parties whatsoever that may have been considered as concerned by your W. Lodge.

With sentiments of respect & esteem

I am, Brethren, yours in Unity

signed CHARLES J. BROOKE

Aug. 1, 1811

P. S.—As there is an impression on some of the minds of the Brethren that there was improper persuasion used, by my recommenders, to induce me to become a Mason, I beg leave to state that it was not the case, and that it was of "my own free will and accord" that I was initiated.

(signed) C. J. B.

On motion made & seconded, Resolved that the above letter from B^{r}. Charles J. Brooke be considered a sufficient cause why the Brethren concerned be not expelled.

It having been stated that the widow of our late

Worshipful Master Br Norman Burroughs was in distressed circumstances, it was resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire into her situation & fifty Dollars placed in their hands for her relief if said committee thought necessary. Whereupon Brs. Cluly, Shelmardine & Hamilton were appointed.

Br Bazile Perroteau, Passed to the Chair

August 15, 1811.—Special Lodge. Present 6 members.

Br Simon Maley, Entered Passed Raised by Dispensation

August 28, 1811.—Extra Meeting. Present 8 members & 4 visitors

Br Wm Bevens, Passed & Raised.

September 9, 1811.—Stated Meeting. Present 32 members & 62 visitors

Visitors—

Br. Fletcher	late No.	2	Br Heanny	No.	91
W. McColin		127	Wm. Bache		127
D. Simpson		127	Littleboy		3
J. L. Baker		91	W. J. Crean		3
Sykes		72	Mayney		125
H. Baker, St. Mary's, Scotld.			Chas. J. Truehole		3
Keisch		125	Wilford		91
Carter		127	Gamble		91
Clay		51	Manning		91
Stinger		72	Crocket		52
A. C. Ireland		131	J. P. Roberts		115
J. Warner		91	Wager		51
Dunham		22 N. J.	W. J. Baker		121
J. A. Rohn		72	J. McAlpin		51
Elisha Smith		131	S. P. Watkins		91
J. C. Richardson		126	Frazer		51

Br. Saltenstal	91	Br W. Bozorth	71	
Holloway	3	A. Bozorth	71	
Howard	73	Randal	131	
Lorain	72	O'Neill	6	N. Y.
Helmbold	127	Evans		"
Wythe	3	Deburr		"
J. Shaw	131	W. A. Shaw	91	

"Visitation of Grand Officers. The R. W. G. M. James Milnor, accompanied by the R. W. Peter Le Barbier Duplesses, Deputy G. M. The R. W. Richard Tybout, S. G. W. The R. W. Joseph Purden, J. G. W. The R. W. George A. Baker, G. Secty. The R. W. Samuel F. Bradford, G. Treasr. The R. W. Thomas Hennesy, deputy G. Secty, the R. W. & Revd George Richards, G. C. Thomas Elliott, S. D. & Enticken, G. P.

The Right Worshipfull Grand Master, ordered that the R. W. Depy. Grand Secretary's report should be on the minutes of this Lodge, he then delivered an elegant & appropriate address to the Brethren, after which the Worshipfull Master on behalf of the Lodge returned thanks to the R. W. Grand Master & his officers for the honour conferred on the Lodge by this annual visitation & the R. W. Grand Master's elegant address, the officers of the Lodge resumed their stations. The Revd. Br Richards delivered a Lecture on the first degree of Masonry.

The sum of 5 Dollars was granted for Charity.

Saturday, September 21, 1811.—Adjourned Meeting. Present 5 members & 3 visitors

Br. Binder, Entered, & Br Busman, Raised

October 3, 1811.—Special Meeting. Present 7 members

In consequence of Lodge N°. 19 being waiting for the room the passing & raising were dispensed with for the present

October 14, 1811.—Stated Meeting. Present 32 members & 15 visitors

Brothers Samuel Paxton, Isaac Pearson, Iniatiated

November 11, 1811.—Stated Meeting. Present 40 members & 6 visitors. Br Wm Binder, Passed. Anthony Lafitte, Iniatiated The sum of 25 Dollars was granted for Charity.

November 25, 1811.—Adjourned Meeting. Present 24 members.

The sum of 5 Dollars was granted for Charity Brothers, Binder, Pearson, Lafitte, Passed Brothers Binder, Paxson, Pearson Raised

December 9, 1811.—Stated Meeting. Present 43 members & 18 visitors

Br Lafitte, Raised The sum of 20 Dollars was granted for Charity.

December 18, 1811.—Extra Meeting. Present 10 members & 1 visitor

December 23, 1811.—Adjourned Meeting. Present 18 members & 4 visitors

A Circular petition was rec[d]. and read from Elizabeth Hartman, wife of Brother Derrick Hartman, a

member of this Lodge stating that she was reduced to extreme distress in consequence of her husband being captured on a voyage hence to Cadiz & imprisoned in Seville & that she has no means to support herself and child except hiring herself out &c whereupon a Committee consisting of Brothers Cluly, Douglass & Burden were appointed & ten Dollars granted for her relief.

The Committee appointed 12 Augt. last to relieve M^{rs}. Burroughs reported verbally that they found her deserving and in distress & paid her the $50 granted.

A Bill was presented for Silver lace & ribbon am^{tg}. to $2.80 which was ordered to be paid.

Brother Howard's bill for hangings &^{c} presented 12 Augt. last amounting to $107.13 was ordered to be paid.

A Circular petition was read from Elizabeth Woods, relict of B^{r}. —— Wood formerly a member of Lodge N°. 9 praying relief whereupon a Committee consisting of Brothers Kuhn, Fearon & Ruff were appointed and five Dollars granted her if found worthy.

A Circular petition was read from Elizabeth Hubly praying relief whereupon Brothers Shelmerdine, Cluly and Joseph Douglass were appointed a Committee & Ten Dollars granted her if found worthy

A Bill was presented for printing Two hundred Copies of our By-laws amounting to $16.50 which was ordered to be paid.

A Bill was presented by Brother Robert Allen for two Dozen Skins for Aprons & amounting to $28 which was ordered to be paid.

A Bill was presented from David Barnum for Supper, &c. on the stated meeting on the annual Grand Visitation amounting to $120.93 which was ordered to be paid.

A Bill was presented for printing & serving notices for the funeral of our deceased Brother Phillip Lese amounting to $4 which was ordered to be paid

A Bill was presented from Wm. Schneider for refreshments &c amounting to $32.53 which was ordered to be paid.

This being Election night the Lodge was called off from Labour to Refreshment for the space of fifteen minutes for the purpose of preparing Tickets, at the expiration of which time the Lodge was called on to Labour. Brothers Winner & Bevens were appointed tellers. The Lodge then proceeded to the Election. Upon counting the votes it appeared that the following Brethren were severally Elected to fill the respective offices annexed to their names, viz

Brother George A. Baker Jr. W. M.
Edward W. Carr S. W
Edward Shelmerdine J. W.
David Neildson, Secy.
Joseph Burden, Treasurer

An Entered Apprentices Lodge was opened in

Ancient form at three o'clock P. M. and a dispensation was read from P. L. Barbier Duplessis R. W. D. Grand Master in & for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania & Masonick jurisdiction thereunto belonging directed to the W. M. of Lodge No 2 authorizing & empowering him to enter, pass & raise Jacob Harmon & Timothy Dawes in said Lodge to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons if the same should meet the approbation of the Lodge, which being agreed to.

A petition was received from a M^rs^. Mason relict of —— Mason formerly a member of this Lodge praying relief, whereupon a Committee consisting of Brethern Carr, Shelmerdine & Bevens were appointed and Thirty Dollars granted her if found in distress & deserving

The sum of 45 Dollars was granted for Charity Installed, George A. Baker Jr. W. M. Br E. W. Carr, S. W. Edward Shelmerdine, J. W. David Neilson, Secty Br George A. Baker Jr. the W. M. Installed this meeting made the following appointments viz Br Joseph Douglass, S. D. Kuhn & Knight, M. C. Allen & Douglass, Stewards Wm Schneider, Tyler The S. W. appointed Br Ruff, J. D.

January 13, 1812.—Stated Meeting. Present 29 members & 23 visitors

"A committee was appointed to wait on delinquent members," to know whether they will pay up their

dues, and be further advanced in Masonry or be expelled this Lodge.''

The sum of 30 Dollars was granted for Charity Committee appointed to collect the outstanding dues of the Lodge.

A circular address from Union Lodge N°. 121 was read requesting the Lodge to appoint a committee to confer with the committees of the other Lodges on the propriety of devising some more eligible plan than that now in use for dispensing charity whereupon Brothers Cuttres & O'brien were appointed committee for that purpose.

Dues collected from visitors $5.50 reading of the minutes dispensed with.

Lodge closed at 8.45 p. m.

February 10, 1812.—Stated Meeting. Present 33 members & 26 visitors

Br Joseph Burden, Installed Treas^r^. Br Moss Olmsted, Elected member. Br Wm Simon Examined & Raised The sum of 30 Dollars was granted for Charity on Petitions of Rebekah Ferguson, Jane Wand, & Elsebeth Hartman

Thomas T. Stiles bill for printing notices for Brother Andrew's funeral amounting to $1.50 was ordered to be paid.

Brother Burden having granted ten dollars to brother Thomas Tatem, formerly a member of this Lodge, on motion made seconded resolved the same be allowed.

The charge of brother Douglass against brother Meguire was then taken up & the report of the Committee appointed thereon was read & adopted.

February 24, 1812.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 8 members 2 visitors

"Br Wilkinson honored the Lodge with a lecture on part of the first degree in Masonry."

"No other business occuring the Lodge closed in harmony at 7.30 Oclock to meet on the second Monday in March."

March 9, 1812.—Stated Meeting. Present 29 members & 40 visitors

Brothers Jacob Harman & Timothy Daws, Elected Br Edward Warner's Resignation accepted. The sum of 30 Dollars was granted for Charity

Brother John Abel's petition to be exempted from the payment of dues except when present. Granted.

The committee to collect outstanding dues were continued.

On motion & seconded resolved that Brothers Steinman, Paxson & Wintherval be a committee to inquire into the circumstances of brother James Winner's family & that ten dollars be placed in their hands to relieve them if found in distress

A petition was read from a certain Wilhelmina Drewis praying relief whereupon Brothers Burden, Obrien & Cutbush were appointed a committee to relieve her with ten dollars if found in distress.

Dues collected from members $10. Dollars Visitors $19 Dollars.

March 12, 1812.—Special Meeting. 5 O'clock P. M. Present 8 members.

James Fearon & A. Knight, passed to the Chair by dispensation. Lodge closed at 6 Oclock p. m.

March 27, 1812.—Special meeting. Present 11 members.

A Communication was read from Walter Ker chairman of the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge on the appeal of Brother W^m^. Meguire from the decision of this Lodge in the case of Douglass vs. Meguire

On motion & seconded Resolved that the committee appointed thereon & the officers of the Lodge be requested to meet the Grand Lodge committee to-morrow at 3 o'clock P. M. & that the committee be notified thereof by the Secretary.

Lodge closed at 3.45 p. m.

April 13, 1812.—Special Meeting. Present 5 members & 1 visitor

Lodge opened at 5.30 Oclock.

Entered Apprentice Lodge opened in ancient form at ½ past 5 o'clock

A dispensation was read from Peter Le Barbier Duplessies R. W. D. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania & Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging. Authorizing & empowering the Lodge to enter, pass & raise James Boyd to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Closed at 15 minutes before 7 to meet at 7 Oclock in the evening.

April 13, 1812.—Stated Meeting. 7.15 P. M. Present 26 members & 27 visitors

The committee appointed to enquire into the circumstances of Brother Winner's family reported that finding them in distress they had relieved them with the sum of ten dollars placed in their hands for that purpose.

The committee appointed to enquire into the circumstances of M^rs^. Quin were continued.

The committee appointed to relieve M^rs^. Drewis were continued

A letter was received from Brother John G. Bringhurst late a member requesting a certificate of his standing in the Lodge, which was laid over till next stated meeting.

A petition was received from brother Joseph M. Turner praying leave to withdraw & have a certificate granted him which was laid over till next meeting.

James McKeage, Entered. Calvin Gould, Elected

April 27, 1812.—Adjourned Meeting. Present 12 members & 20 visitors

Brothers McKeage & Isaac Patterson, Crafted

Brothers Carr & Shelmerdine were appointed guardians for brother Patterson. Brother Patterson returned to the Lodge gave thanks and received the benefit of a lecture on the second degree.

May 11, 1812.—Stated Meeting. Present 29 members & 20 visitors

James Thomas, Entered. Grand Lodge dues, $250.75 cts. Paid Br James McKeage, Raised. The sum of 10 Dollars was granted for Charity.

June 8, 1812.—Stated Meeting. Present 27 members & 8 visitors

Communication were received from the R. W. G. L. of Pennsylvania & on Motion made & seconded, Resolved, that they be inserted on the Minutes, they are as follows, viz.

Grand Lodge of Most Ancient & Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, of Pennsylvania & Masonic Jurisdiction, There unto belonging according to the old institution.

At a Grand Quarterly Communication held at their New Hall in the City of Phila. on Monday the second day of December, A. L. 5811 in ample form.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the Election of officers for the ensuing year, and Br James Milnor, Esq. counsellor a law, & a member of the congress of the United States, from the state of Pa, was duly reelected R. W. G. M.

Br Peter Barbier Duplessis, Esq. sworn interpreter of foreign languages, conveyancer &c &c was duly re-elected, R. W. Deputy G. M.

Br Richard Tybout, hat manufacturer, was duly re-elected, R. W. S. G. W.

Br Joseph Burden, fancy chair manufacturer was duly re-elected, R. W. J. G. W.

Br George A. Baker, conveyancer, was duly re-elected, R. W. G. Secty

Br Samuel F. Bradford, printer & bookseller, was duly re-elected R. W. G. Treas^{r}.

In conformity with the regulations of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pa. I do myself the honour of here-with communicating to you the names of the R. W. Grand & other officers of the said R. W. Grand Lodge for the year of Masonry, 5812, as also the Expulsions, Rejections, &c &c, communicated during the last year.

I remain, with sentiments of respect,

Worshipful Sir and Brother

Yours fraternally

(Signed) George A. Baker

Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

In adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication, Philadelphia, Monday 16th September, A. D. 1811, A. L. 5811.

The committee appointed to report a plan of government for such parts of the New Hall, as are reserved for Masonic purposes, made report, which was read; and

On motion made and seconded, the same was again read by paragraphs, and with some amendments adopted as follows; to wit,

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pa.

The committee appointed to take into consideration a plan of government for such parts of the New Hall as are reserved for Masonic purposes;

Beg leave to report,

That they have considered the subject of their appointment with that attention it so justly deserves; That they are of opinion that it is of the highest importance to the Grand Lodge & the brethren generally, that the best care possible should be taken of their New Hall especially of those parts reserved for Masonic purposes, and of the valuable and beautiful jewels, furniture, &c, there-in contained;

Your committee beg leave to submit the following resolutions which they conceive will answer the end of their appointments;

Resolved, That a Grand Tyler be appointed to have the charge of all the parts of the New Hall reserved for Masonic purposes—to keep the whole clean & in the best order—to have the charge of all the jewels, furniture, &c. belonging to the Grand Lodge—to cleanse & light every Lodge Day, all the lamps and candles, & make fire, when necessary, in all the stoves—and that he shall attend to the putting out of the lights, & fires, & the building locked up on the several stated meetings of the subordinate Lodges.

Resolved, That the said Grand Tyler shall receive the sum of three hundred dollars annually, in four equal quarterly payments, as a compensation for the above services, independent of the fees he now receives for his other duties; that he shall be answerable for every thing committed to his care that shall happen to be damaged, broken or lost.

Resolved, That the Tylers employed by the different Lodges, shall be accountable to the said Grand Tyler for every thing

damaged, broken or lost, during the time the rooms shall have been under their care, & that every Lodge, employing such Tyler shall be charged with the amount of such damage.

Resolved, That it be recommended to all the Lodges to unite as far as may be deemed expedient, to employ the same Tyler or tylers.

Resolved, That wax or Spermaceti candles & the best winter strained oil only, shall be used in the lodge rooms, and that the expense thereof shall be apportioned amongst all the Lodges & Chapters.

Resolved, That as soon as the additional Lodge room is completed, no Lodge shall be allowed to meet in the Grand Lodge room, but on the day appropriated for their stated meetings, and that any Lodge that may meet in the said additional room on particular business, or by adjournment, on any day not appropriated for their use, shall close their labours at least half an hour before the time appointed for the meeting of the Lodge, who shall be entitled to meet there on such day.

Resolved, That a committee, whose duty shall be to see all the afore going ad all other rules & regulations now in force concerning the Grand Tyler, carried into complete execution; that the said committee shall purchase the necessary firewood, candles, oil, &c examine & pass the Grand Tyler's bills, and sign them that the R. W. G. M. may draw his order on the Grand Treasurer for the same, & shall generally do, concerning the government of those parts of the Hall reserved for Masonic purposes all that circumstances may render necessary.

Resolved, That in case of the disease, resignation, refusal, neglect, or misbehavior of the Grand Tyler, the R. W. G. M.

be requested to appoint another upon the recommendation of the Hall Committee afore-said.

The R. W. G. M. was pleased to appoint Brothers Samuel Lippincott, T. Thomas Entriken, & Frederick Erringer, to be the Hall Committee:

Extract from the minutes

(Signed) George A. Baker
Grand Secretary

The Hall Committee have ascertaind the expense of lighting the rooms, and fixed the following rates, viz,

Every Lodge to pay for lighting the large room, one dollar & twenty five cents, for every evening of meeting, and one dollar additional if the side lamps are lighted. Every Lodge, Chapter and Encampment to pay one dollar and twenty five cents for every evening of meeting in the small room.

In Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication, Phila, Monday 6 April, A. D. 1812, A. L. 5812.

On motion made & seconded,

Resolved, That the Hall committee be authorized to furnish the lights for the different Lodges at their refreshment table, for the additional sum of twenty five cents per Lodge night

Extract from the minutes

(Signed) George A. Baker
Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

Grand Quarterly Communication Phila. Monday 2nd September, A. D. 1811, A. L. 5811.

The Committee on Bye-Laws made Report on the Bye-Laws of Lodge No 2 held at Phila. which was read & is as follows, to wit.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna

The committee to whom was referred the Bye-Laws of Lodge No. 2,

Respectfully beg leave to Report,

That they have carefully examined the same & find them strictly conformable to the Constitution of our ancient Institution and recommend them for the approbation of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

Sept 2, 1811.

(Signed) Frederick Wolbert
Robert Poalk.
Robert Pullen.

Which Report was Adopted.

Extract from the minutes

(Signed) George A. Baker
Grand Secretary.

On motion made & seconded,

Resolved, That the Secretary be required to notify Br John Phillips, that unless he come forward & pay his dues within three months from this date he shall be expelled this Lodge.

The committee appointed on Br Bringhurst were continued.

Br Cluley's resignation was accepted.

This being the night for the Election of Officers, for the next six months, The dues were collected &

the Lodge called off from labour to refreshment for the space of twenty minutes for the purpose of preparing tickets, at the expiration of the time the Lodge was called on to labour & Brothers Allen & Paxson were appointed tellers, The Lodge then proceeded to the election & upon counting the votes, the following brethren were declared duly elected to, Viz Br. George A. Baker Jr. W. M. Edward W. Carr, S. W. Edward Shelmerdine, J. W. David Nielson, Secty Joseph Burden, Treas[r]

June 22, 1812.—Adjourned Meeting. Present 9 members This being the night for the installation of the Officers elect, The entered apprentice Lodge closed & a master mason's Lodge opened, those brethren who were not Past Masters having withdrawn, Br George A. Baker Jr. was installed W. M. for the next six months, commencing on St John's day next, the brethren having returned the following brethren were installed to their respective offices, viz, Br Edward W. Carr, S. W. Edward Shelmerdine, J. W. David Nielson, Secty. The W. M. was pleased to appoint Br Joseph Douglass, S. D. Brothers George K. Kuhn & Alexander Knight, M. C.

Br Edward W. Carr, was pleased to appoint Br. Wm Ruff, J. D. Br. Wm. Schneider, Tyler & Steward.

July 13, 1812.—Stated Meeting. Present 27 members & 4 visitors Treasurer installed, Br. Joseph

Burden. Two applications were received this evening.

August 10, 1812.—Stated Meeting. 7.40 P. M. Present 26 members & 7 visitors

The committee appointed to relieve Mrs. Jourdon reported that finding her in distress they had relieved her with the sum of Ten Dollars

Brother James Thomas was examined in open Lodge & found worthy to be passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason.

August 24, 1812.—Adjourned Meeting. Present 17 members & 4 visitors

Br James T. Webster, Entered

"Br Patterson expressed a desire to be further advanced in masonry but not being able to go through his examination it was dispensed with.

Br. James Thomas, Crafted.

August 29, 1812.—Special Meeting. 6.30 P. M. Present 6 members

A dispensation was read from P. Le Barbier Duplessies R. W. D. G. M. of the G. Lodge of Pennsylvania & Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging authorizing & Empowering the Lodge to enter, pass & Raise to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason Abraham Matlack.

September 7, 1812.—Special Meeting. Present 5 members & 2 visitors

The W. M. stated that the lodge had been convened at the request of Brother Webster for the purpose

of Passing & Raising him as he was about to leave the State & could not wait the delays required by our bye laws.

September 8, 1812.—Special Meeting. 3.30 P. M. Present 3 members

A dispensation was read from James Milnor R. W. G. M. of the G. L. of Pennsylvania authorizing the Lodge to pass to the Chair brother Moss Olmstead

Brother Olmstead being in waiting was introduced & agreeably to ancient form passed to the Chair & Received the salutation of the brethren.

Brother Olmstead applied to be recommended to the H. R. A. C. which was on motion granted & the Lodge closed in Harmony at 4 o'clock, P. M.

September 14, 1812.—Stated Meeting. 7 P. M. Present 20 members & 7 visitors

Brothers Winners & Bevens, Resigned. Br James Thomas, Raised. Two applications received this evening.

"A Petition was received from a certain Wm Farren (a modern) praying to be initiated into the Mysteries of Freemasonry, whereupon Brothers Burden, Allen & John Douglass were appointed a Committee to enquire into his Character.

October 12, 1812.—Stated Meeting. Present 31 members & 8 visitors

Br Benjamin Holbrook, Entered Aaron Mower & Wm Farren, Entered Br Kuhn's resigation was accepted.

October 17, 1812.—Special Meeting. 4.30 P. M. Present 6 members & 8 visitors

Br Holbrook, Passed

Fellow Crafts lodge closed & a master masons lodge opened Brother Holbrook being in waiting was introduced and raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason & withdrew, returned to the Lodge gave thanks & received the benefit of a Lecture.

October 26, 1812.—Adjourned Meeting. 6.30 P. M. Present 8 members & 3 visitors

Br John Towers, Entered. Br Aaron Mower, Passed Br Wm Farren, Passed & Raised

November 9, 1812.—Stated Meeting. 7 P. M. Present 27 members & 10 visitors

Br John Towers, Passed Br Aaron Mower, Raised

A petition was received from brother Samuel Stoneman praying relief whereupon brothers Burden, Shelmerdine & Ruff were appointed a committee to relieve him with Ten dollars if found in distress.

Brothers Knight Steinman & Wintheval were appointed to enquire into the circumstances of Sarah Fritz & ten dollars were placed in their hands for her relief if found in distress.

A petition was read from Lydia Franklin praying relief whereupon brothers Knight, Steinman & O'Connor were appointed a Committee to relieve her if found in distress.

November 23, 1812.—Adjourned Meeting. Present 13 members & 1 visitor

A Fellow Crafts Lodge opened Brother Towers not being able to go through an examination it was dispensed with. Fellow Crafts Lodge closed & Master Masons Lodge opened & brother Towers was introduced & agreeably to ancient form raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason gave thanks & received the benefit of a Lecture & paid 15 dollars the remainder of his initiation fee.

December 14, 1812.—Stated Meeting. Present 26 members & 13 visitors

Br Daniel Weyman, Entered The sum of 20 Dollars was granted for Charity The following Officers were Elected, Br E. W. Carr, W. M. E. Shelmerdine, S. W. Jos. Douglas, J. W. Alex^{n} Knight, Secty. Jos Burden, Treas^{r}

The Stewards bill amounting to $33.24 cts. was ordered to be paid.

December 16, 1812.—Adjourned Lodge. Present 10 members & 1 visitor Officers Installed.

The W. M. appointed.—Br Wm Ruff, S. D. Luther Barnes, J. D. Pearson & Kelly, M. C. Hamilton & McKeage, Stewards. Wm Snyder, Tyler.

January 11, 1813.—Stated Meeting. Present 29 members & 21 visitors. Br. F. Nice, Entered

The Committee who were appointed to settle the Treasurer's account respectfully

Report, That they have carefully examined the account of Joseph Burden, Treasurer of Lodge No 2, for the last six

months. I have found them Correct. They further report that the Treasurer during that period received the sum of $475.87/100, and expended $482.01/100, leaving a Balance of $6.14/100 due by the Lodge to the Treasurer.

That there remains unpaid an order drawn on the Treasurer for the sum of One hundred Dollars, being the balance of the sum of $250. granted as a donation by Lodge No 2, to the Grand Lodge for the purpose of aiding in building the New Hall.

Philadelphia Dec 26th 1812

(Signed) George A. Baker Jr. W. M.
E. W. Carr, S. W.
E. Shelmerdine, J. W.

A communication was received from the Grand Lodge as follows, Grand Lodge of Penna, in Extra Communication, Phila Monday, Jan 4th A. D. 1813, A. L. 5813.

Resolved, That these Lodges which do not pay to the Grand Lodge an annual rent for the use of the small Lodge room, shall pay the sum of Three Dollars, independent of the expense of lighting for Each meeting they may hold there, excepting when they meet to install their Officers and that it be the duty of the Grand Tyler to keep an account of the meetings in said room, of such Lodges and report the same to the Hall Committee who shall transmit it to the Grand Secty, on the first Monday in December, in every Year, to be by him Charged to the accounts of said Lodge.

George A. Baker
Grand Secty

A second communication was received from the

Grand Lodge, containing a list of the Officers of the Grand Lodge, Elected on the 7th day of December, A. L. 1812, for the ensuing Year, also a list of Expulsions, Reinstatements & Rejections, communicated to the Grand Lodge by the subordinate Lodges, and by Foreign Lodges, since the last Annual communication.

On Motion Resolved,

That the practice of taking *Refreshments* on Lodge nights be *suspended.*

Resolved

That Brs Allen, Fearon, Barnes, Hamilton Ruff & Pearson, be appointed a Committee to Collect the outstanding dues of this Lodge.

Dues collected from members,	$21
from visitors	6.50 cts
Tylers bill ordered to be paid	$28.66 cts

Reading of the minutes being dispensed with the Lodge closed in Harmony at 10, Oclock

February 8, 1813.—Stated Meeting. Present 26 members & 13 visitors

An accident having prevented the Secretary from furnishing the minutes of the last stated meeting. On motion Resolved that their reading this evening be dispensed with.

The Committee on Oliver M. Becket made the following report, which was ordered to lie on the Table till next stated meeting:

We the Committee appointed to investigate the present standing of Oliver M. Becket have attended to that duty & beg leave to *Report* That he is (at this time) confined in the debtors apartment in consequence of the Embezzlement of monies from his creditors—the above statement we received from the keeper of said prison.

(Signed) EDWARD SHELMERDINE
JOS. DOUGLASS

January 11, 1813.

Br Nice was examined, and found worthy of being passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason.

The sum of 5 Dollars was granted for Charity.

February 22, 1813.—Adjourned Meeting. Present 11 members & 1 visitor

Brs Nice, Weyman, & Somers, Passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason.

March 8, 1813.—Stated Meeting. Present 24 members & 13 visitors

Brs Nice & Weyman, Raised

A Communication was received from the Grand Lodge asking for Subscriptions for the New Hall, when the following Committee were appointed, Richard Tybout, Walter Kerr, Joseph S. Lewis, Samuel Lippincott, T. James Harper Jr. Samuel Jackson, Chas W. Westphall, Thomas Armet, & Richard Bache.

(Signed) GEORGE A. BAKER
Grand Secty

April 12, 1813.—Stated Meeting. Present 23 members & 7 visitors

Br Somers, Raised

The sum of 5 Dollars was granted for Charity

"A petition was received from Alex^{n} Ramsey praying to be initiated into the Mysteries of Free Masonry, and to become a Member of this Lodge."

May 10, 1813.—Stated Meeting. Present 16 members & 6 visitors

"On Motion, Resolved,

That Lodge No 2, Subscribe $5. towards defraying the Expenses, of Painting the New Hall, and Brs Burden, Shelmerdine & Ruff were appointed a Committee to attend to the same."

Alex^{n} Ramsey, Entered

Brs. Knight Fearon & Webster were appointed a Committee to procure a suitable person to collect the outstanding debts of the Lodge.

June 14, 1813.—Stated Meeting. Present 29 members & 7 visitors

The Committee appointed at the stated meeting in April to investigate the charge brought by B^{r} McGuire against B^{r} John Douglass made the following Report, which was unanimously approved of and ordered to be inserted on the minutes viz:

To the Worshipful Master, Officers & members of Lodge N°. 2.

The Committee appointed to investigate a charge brought by B^{r}. W^{m}. Mequire against B^{r}. John Douglass, Junr. beg

leave to Report, That Br. Wm. Meguire produced an account against Br. John Douglass, Junr. amounting to $151.93½ which Br. Douglass admitted to be correct and that he would allow it on settlement of an account he had against Br. Wm. Meguire amounting to $553.64/100 for which he had sued Br. Meguire. A copy of sd. account he produced to your committee, on examining it we found a charge of $428 being part of a sum awarded Br Douglass by a former committee from Lodge No. 2 & confirmed by the Lodge—from which decision Br. Meguire appealed to the Grand Lodge. A Committee by them appointed left the said sum of $428 open for settlement. In conformity to their decision he has instituted a suit against sd. Br. Wm. Meguire being the only means left to obtain a final decision thereon. We are therefore of opinion that Lodge No. 2 cannot interfere further in the business. All which is respectfully submitted.

Philadelphia, 10 June, 1813

(Signed) John O'Brien
Joseph Binder.

Brs Sommers & Baker, Tellers, Reported the following Officers Elected, George A. Baker Jr. W. M. Joseph Douglass, S. W. Wm Ruff, J. W. Joseph Burden, Treasr. John Sommer, Secty.

June 16, 1813.—Adjourned Meeting. Tuesday Afternoon. Present 9 members & 1 visitor

A Master Masons Lodge was opened in ancient form at 4 o'C. P. M. All the Brethren not Past Masters having withdrawn Geo. A. Baker Junr., Master Elect was duly installed into office & saluted according to ancient usage. The Brethren Master

Masons were admitted. The Lodge then proceeded to install the other officers Elect to wit

Br. Joseph Douglass, S. W.

Wm. Ruff, J. W.

John Somer, Secy.

Joseh. Binder, Treasr.

Lodge closed in harmony at 5 o'C P. M.

July 12, 1813.—Stated Meeting. Present 22 members & 12 visitors

Br Neilson having produced the Minute Book of the Lodge on motion Resolved that he be excused from appearing before the Lodge as notified on the last meeting.

Communication received from the Hall Committee requesting a contribution of ten dollars from Lodge No. 2 towards paying the expence of Painting the Hall. It was resolved that the sum of five dolls. in addition to $5 granted before be appropriated

August 9, 1813.—Stated Meeting. Monday. Present 17 members & 6 visitors

John Nice, & Edw Coxe, applied for Initiation and Membership

"On Motion, it was resolved to have moderate refreshments on the Stated nights of Meetings."

"Brs Carr and Nice, were appointed Stewards with directions not to exceed the amount allowed by the by-laws."

September 13, 1813.—Stated Meeting. Present 29 members & 5 visitors

Resolved unanimously that Oliver M. Beckets be expelled from this Lodge agreeably to a resolution on a former night for him to appear before the Lodge & show cause why he should not be expelled & resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to enquire whether the two orders, viz one on a Mr. Gilbert for two hundred dollars & one for one hundred & seventy dollars on a Mr. Bartlett held by Br. McGuire against Br. Jno. Douglass & which the Grand Lodge ordered to be paid—ought to be cancelled or not—when the Worshipful Master appointed Brs. Wm. Ruff, McKeage & Sommer as the Committee to report on the next stated night of meeting.

Brs. Nice & Coxe, Entered

October 11, 1813.—Stated Meeting. 7 P. M. Present 21 members & 9 visitors

The report of the Committee on the Case of Brs. McGuire & Jno. Douglass was read & unanimously adopted—when on motion it was carried that any further proceedings on the above report be laid over until next stated night of meeting.

Brs Nice & Coxe, Crafted

November 8, 1813.—Stated Meeting. Present 22 members & 12 visitors.

An Entered Apprentice Lodge was opened at 7 o'clock when the minutes of the last night were read and approved of—after which the following members on the list of Delinquents were reported to be dead

viz. Thomas Conner, Derrick Hartman, James Stevenson, Sam[l]. Harrison and Bohen Martin.

A petition for Charity was received from Z. Meigs Bradley when in consequence of some severe aspersions having been alledged against the Character of the Petitioner, & considering the low state of the Funds of the Lodge it was on motion resolved that Z. Meigs Bradley have leave to withdraw his petition.

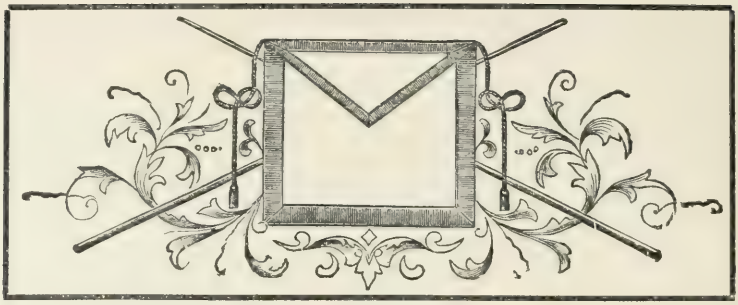
December 13, 1813.—Stated Meeting. Present 25 members & 7 visitors.

It was on motion resolved that the following names on the list of Delinquent members be stricken off—viz.: Edw[d]. W. Brown, J. W. Carman, Ebenezer Hortman, John W. Pope, Joseph Lynch, Henry Marshal, Bohan Martin, Edw[d]. Peplow, Samuel Stoneman, W[m]. J. Trotter, Henry Wistar, & John Warr for non-payment of Dues.

Brs Cutbush & Brien, appointed Tellers, who reported the Election of following Officers, Edward Shelmerdine, W. M. Joseph Douglass, S. W. Wm Ruff, J. W. Joseph Burden, Treas[r]. John Sommer, Secty

The W. M. J. W. Treas[r]. & Secty, were duly installed.

Br Schneider, appointed Tyler.



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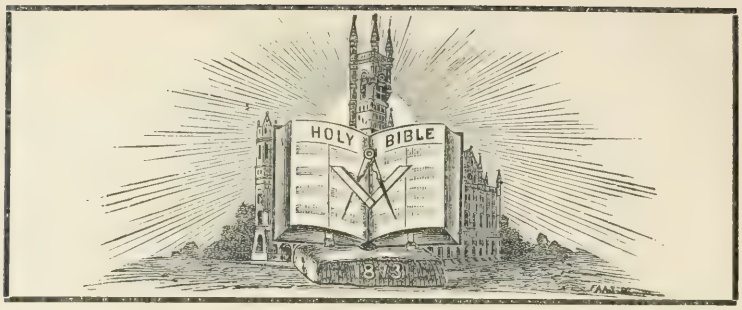

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